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Ruling reversed regarding payment of courts legal fees

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Although the ultimate decision on who will foot the bill for attorney fees associated with the six-year battle with the 46th Circuit Trial Court has yet to be made, Crawford County officials did receive some good news last week.

Michigan Court of Appeals justices reversed a ruling made in Circuit Court, which said that Otsego County did not have to pay a share of the attorney fees for a dispute with the 46th Circuit Trial Court.

The 46th Circuit Trial Court covers Crawford, Kalkaska and Otsego Counties.

The 46th Circuit Trial Court sued Crawford and Kalkaska Counties, in December, 2000, for refusing to allocate funds for the benefit plans.

Crawford and Kalkaska Counties disputed the benefits because officials said it would place unfunded liability on the counties. Crawford and Kalkaska County officials filed

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Saluting Swimmers



The Bear Cub Scouts from pack #3993 celebrated a long successful year in scouting with a pool and pizza party held at the Super 8 Motel. Above, back row, Zachary Teal, Blake Gregory, Jeremiah Scott and Theo Kolkka. Middle, Trent Hickman, Zachary Burger, Thomas Bolick and C.J. Bertram. Front row, Devin Smades, Benjamin Engbers and J.C. Bertram.

Family members protest police labor issues

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Wives and daughters of Grayling City Police officers protested shift changes, morale issues and unresolved contract negotiations at the Grayling City Council meeting last week.

Family members of police officers and Department of Public Works employees attended the Grayling City Council meeting to voice their concerns over city labor issues.

Starting April 14, the Grayling City Police Department will switch from having officers work 12-hour shifts to working eight hour shifts.

Grayling City Manager David Thayer, who is the acting police commissioner for the city, said he believes that officers should work no more than 10-hour shifts unless there is a natural disaster or an emergency.

Thayer said the 12-hour shifts became an issue in February, when an officer called in sick, and two officers worked 18-hour shifts.

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Prison crew contract terminated following tax dispute

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

A dispute over the payment of \$40 per year in city income taxes has resulted in the cancellation of a work contract for a prison crew in the community.

The work crew from Camp Lehman, which is located on Hartwick Pines Road in Grayling Township, will no longer be working in the City of Grayling as of April 9.

Thomas M. Birkett, the warden of the Standish Maximum Correctional Facility, which oversees operations at Camp Lehman, informed the city that the Public Works Agreement between the prison and city was being terminated due to the demand that prison employees pay city income taxes.

Grayling City Manager David Thayer said the dispute over payment of the city income tax with prison officials began in early February.

Charlie VanBuren, who supervises the prison crew that works in the city, was inquiring about his wife's payment of the tax levy. City officials informed VanBuren that he was required

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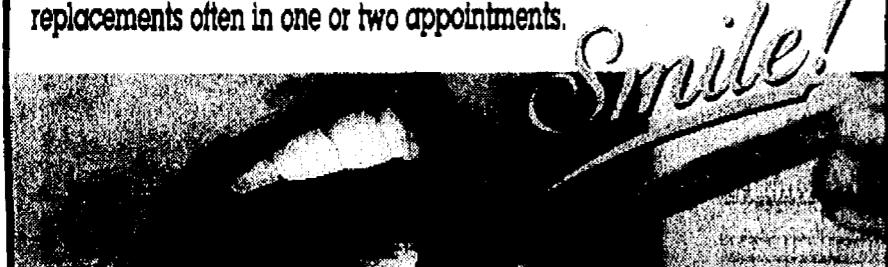
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City snow day policy rejected by council

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

A proposal to close city hall when there are hazardous road conditions due to snow melted away last week.

The Grayling City Council, by a 3-to-2 vote, rejected a proposal to close city hall during inclement weather.

Grayling City Manager David Thayer proposed the policy that would have closed city offices to the public when the Crawford AuSable School District calls off school due to inclement weather and hazardous road conditions. If the school delayed starting times, the city hall would have had the same delayed starting time to open city offices.

Under the policy, city employees would have been allowed to delay coming to work if they were unable to access the roads or if the roads were extremely unsafe to travel to city hall.

After the road conditions had improved, the city employees would have been required to report to work. The employees would not have had to use their accumulated leave time to cover the hours missed from work due to road conditions.

The policy did not apply to emergency employees from the city's Department of Public Works, police and fire departments, who were expected to report to work as scheduled.

Grayling Mayor Larry Akers, and City Council Members Kim McClain and Dennis Robinson voted against adopting the policy.

"The trend is to run government like a business," Robinson said. "They have to show up whether it's snowing or not and they have to be there to help maintain the bottom line."

McClain said employees need to adjust their schedules to safely travel to work when there are snow-covered roads.

"It's part of living in northern Michigan," McClain said.

Roger Moshier, the mayor pro-tem, and Council Member Tom Wellman, voted in favor of the policy.

Thayer said he recommended the policy to close or delay the opening of city hall so that employees would not risk getting into an accident on the way to work, potentially causing them to be away from work for longer periods of time due to injuries.

Sponsors sought for Fire and Burn Safety program

The Grayling City/Township Fire Department is continuing its commitment to teaching fire prevention to youth in the community.

Russell H. Strohpaul Jr., fire chief for the Grayling City/Township Fire Department, said the fire department kicked-off plans for its annual Fire and Burn Safety program for the children of Grayling.

Over 900 youngsters, ages 5 through 12, will receive educational fire prevention materials created and geared to each specific age level. This comprehensive program includes fire safety guidebooks that contain 24 activity pages designed by educators to stimulate the child's awareness and independent thinking about everyday fire hazards he or she may encounter. Various

other fire safety booklets, folders, posters and brochures are made available to encourage the prevention of destructive fires, painful burns, disfiguring injuries and needless death.

Bob Koch, the area fire safety coordinator for the National Fire Safety Council, Inc., will be helping fire fighters in planning and delivering programs to the school children. The National Fire Safety Council is a federal tax-exempt nonprofit organization under the Internal Revenue Service Code and all contributions are tax-deductible.

The Grayling City/Township Fire Department is in the process of mailing sponsor request letters explaining the entire program to area business, industrial and professional leaders, asking for their financial support to help cover the cost of the materials used by the department. Anyone who does not receive a letter who would like to be a sponsor can send a check to the fire department made out to the National Fire Safety Council.

Strohpaul stressed to prospective sponsors that this is the only program of this type that the Grayling City/Township Fire Department will be conducting.

Anyone who receives a solicitation request on behalf of the fire department, especially by phone or in person, who does not have a letter from Strohpaul, is encouraged to contact the fire department immediately.

Prison crew contract terminated following tax dispute

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to pay the tax for his supervision of the prison crew when they were working in the city.

Although Camp Lehman is located outside of the city, Thayer said the state statute governing the income tax collection requires businesses with 10 or more employees to calculate their earnings that they receive while working in a municipality that collects an income tax.

"We don't play favorites," Thayer said. "I'm not going to blink my eyes and say that one person has to pay city income taxes and one person does not."

VanBuren paid the income tax for the last two years.

Thayer said he was seeking an Attorney General's opinion on whether an employee whose workstation is outside of their physical location of their employer must pay the tax.

"It's no different than the City of Lansing," Thayer said. "There are thousands of state employees that work in Lansing, and they're all required to pay income taxes."

Thayer, who became Grayling City manager last October, said he was troubled that prison officials opted to terminate the contract before an opinion from the Attorney General's office was issued.

"Whatever the Attorney General says is what we're going to do - that's called rule of law," Thayer said.

The work crews mow grass in the city, shovel snow, pick up trash and brush and help maintain the cemetery.

Between February 2006 to January 2007, the prison crew worked 191 days in the City of Grayling. Camp Lehman was paid \$13,500 for the service.

The city is required to pay \$15 per day, per prisoner for the service.

Of that amount, the prisoner receives \$2.50 and the supervisor receives a \$12.50 supervision fee. The contract with the city was for up to eight prisoners, but generally six prisoners were on a crew, Thayer said.

Thayer said he was going to write a letter to Department of Corrections Director Patricia L. Caruso to see if she believes the contract should have been terminated before the tax payment issue was resolved. Thayer has also been in contact with Rep. Matt Gillard, D-Alpena, over the issue.

Thayer believes that the state and local municipalities must work together, especially as the state and Department of Corrections deal with the state budget crisis.

"I imagine that they're looking for every penny that they can find, hoping not to make another cut," Thayer said.

Russ Marlan, the spokesperson for the Department of Corrections, said department officials believe that requiring a

prison crew supervisor to pay the tax would be like asking a State Police Trooper policing an accident in Grayling to pay the tax or a Department of Natural Resources officer patrolling the AuSable River in the city to pay the tax.

"It was a bit of an odd request and where do you draw the line?" Marlan said. "It would be impossible to track when he did have to pay or did not have to pay the income tax."

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"This is not a money maker for us," Marlan said. "It's a way for us to give back to the areas where we have correctional facilities and a way to provide inmates to do a variety of tasks that may not get done."

Thayer said that he is waiting for a list of essential services that the prison crews perform from Steve Doyle, the city's cemetery sexton and zoning administrator, who coordinates work with prison officials.

Thayer said the city will identify other resources to do the work, and acknowledged that some of the jobs may not be done in a timely manner.

The City of Grayling has been collecting an income tax since 1972. The city collects 1 percent of residents' income earned in the city, and 0.5 percent from non-residents who work in the city.

Thayer said the city would stand to lose between \$50,000 and \$75,000 of the overall \$500,000 collected annually from people who work in the city but have an employer located out of the city if the tax is no longer collected.

For several years, city officials used funds from the income tax for street paving, sidewalk construction, installation of storm sewers and construction of curbs and gutters. In November 2002, city residents agreed to change the ordinance for the income tax, allowing funds generated to be used for other capital improvement and recreational projects.

Thayer said a city who collects an income tax actually receives more revenue sharing from the state since they are gathering local dollars for projects.

"The city fathers had the foresight to add the tax revenue and were trying to be a progressive city, coming up with a pay to pay for the services for the people," Thayer said.

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a counter-claim against the court, alleging fraud for misrepresenting the costs of the benefits. A claim was also filed against Otsego County, accusing officials there of conspiring with the court by withholding information on the cost of the benefits.

Former 46th Circuit Trial Court Chief Judge Alton T. Davis issued a court order, forcing the counties to fund the benefits plans.

Davis was appointed to fill a vacancy on the Michigan Court of Appeals in July, 2005.

Payment of attorney fees, which have been projected to be over \$2 million, is the only unresolved issue in the dispute.

In July 2006, the Michigan Supreme Court, ruled that the funding of enhanced pension benefits and retirement health care benefits sought by the administration for the 46th Circuit Trial Court, were not reasonable and necessary to the serviceability of the court and that Crawford and Kalkaska counties were not contractually obligated to appropriate funds for the benefit plans. The Supreme Court also said the court's authority to demand appropriations from the counties was limited to meeting critical judicial needs. The justices also said that the court had to pursue benefits through negotiations and bargaining with the county boards.

Court of Appeals judges ruled that the request for additional funding for the enhanced employee benefits was not made in bad faith by 46th Circuit Trial Court. In addition, the justices said that the inherent power doctrine supplies a court with the

authority to take whatever steps are reasonably necessary to fulfill the judicial function, including undertaking litigation to secure necessary funding, employing counsel and recovering reasonable attorney fees spent on that litigation.

Michigan Court of Appeals Justices Brian K. Zahra, Janet T. Neff and Jessica R. Cooper reversed a ruling made by Kent County Circuit Judge Dennis Kolenda. Kolenda felt that Otsego County, the fiscal agency for the 46th Trial Court, was brought into the legal dispute with "clean hands" and was therefore not required to pay the court's attorney fees.

"Although the counties did trigger the underlying litigation, having prevailed in the Supreme Court, those counties' hands are as clean as Otsego County's," the justices wrote in their opinion. "Having defended their public funds against a good-faith yet ultimately unsuccessful attack from the Trial Court, in the process engendering important developments in the law of such controversies, Crawford County and Kalkaska County performed a valuable public service."

Dave Stephenson, chairman of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners, said that local officials were pleased to have the issue regarding Otsego County's obligation to pay legal bills clarified.

"If we have to end up paying, it certainly means that all three counties will have to share that expense, but we're still pretty hopeful that we're not going to have to pay," said Stephenson of the appeal over the legal fees to the Supreme Court.

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Assessments for downtown streetscape project approved

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a special assessment levied on downtown business owners, based on the amount of property they own fronting Michigan Avenue.

The remaining funds will be paid from the city's water fund, sewer fund, major streets fund, income tax fund and general fund.

"If we don't do anything, nothing is going to change so we have to do something to effect that change in the community," Grayling City Council Member Kim McClain said.

Construction downtown is expected to begin on Aug. 1, avoiding the start of the summer tourism season and the AuSable

River Canoe Marathon festival.

Grayling City Manager David Thayer said business owners will be given the flexibility to pay tax assessments off in one year or over a period of 11 years.

A second public hearing on the tax assessments will be held on Monday, April 30.

Not all people at last week's city council were in favor of the project.

Robert Shaw, a member for the Grayling Masonic Lodge, said he did not believe the streetscape project would improve the downtown business climate.

"Putting trees along the street is a waste of money," Shaw said. "We had planters out there, and it was nothing but a headache."

Houghton Lake State Police trooper arrested for felonies

The Michigan State Police arrested one of its own last week for allegedly using a credit card to obtain money, and then making a false police report to claim the credit card was stolen.

Trooper Neil Holton, 49, of the Michigan State Police Houghton Lake Post was arraigned on Thursday, March 29 in the 83rd District Court in Roscommon County on a count of filing a false police report and one count of obtaining money under false pretenses. He faces up to five years in prison and a \$10,000 fine if convicted on the felony charges.

The charges were authorized by the Attorney General's Office as a result of an investigation by the Denton Township Police Department and the Michigan State Police. Holton was arrested

by the Michigan State Police on March 29.

Russ Smith, the assistant commander for the Michigan State Police's Seventh District, which includes the Houghton Lake post, said the charges against Holton involved the use of a credit card between Dec. 6, 2006 and Jan. 5, 2007. Holton used the credit card, but then made a report that the credit card was used by someone else and had been stolen, Smith said.

Holton is currently suspended without pay.

Holton enlisted with the Michigan State Police in 1987. He served at the Lapeer and Detroit posts before he was assigned to the Houghton Lake post in 1992.

Troopers from the Houghton Lake Post of the Michigan State

Township to appoint fire board of appeals

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

The Grayling Township Board is in the process of appointing a fire board of appeals in hopes of resolving a year long legal dispute with a commercial business.

The township board is seeking members to sit on a fire board of appeals, a board that will review decisions made by the Grayling City/Township Fire Marshal and township building inspector.

The appointment of the board was requested by Michelle and Kelly Elm, the owners of DuBois Lumber and Rental Center, which opened their new store next to the Grayling Township Hall in February, 2006.

Just prior to opening, Grayling City/Township Fire Department Fire Marshal Travis Roberts and Township Building Inspector Bob Dixon advised the Elm's a storage building for the business could not be used because the building did not meet International Fire Code and Michigan Building Code standards.

Specifically, the fire and building officials said that since a rack storage system used to store building materials was in the building, an automatic sprinkler system needed to be installed as a safety precaution for employees and the public.

The township filed a lawsuit in Crawford County Circuit Court against the Elm's, seeking to compel them to comply with the building and fire codes.

The Elm's filed a counter-claim, seeking an injunction to keep the township from enforcing the ordinance and for attempting to deny them the use of their property. The Elm's spent \$1.5 million to relocate the business from Norway Street in the City of Grayling to M-72 West in Grayling Township.

A temporary occupancy permit was issued to DuBois Lumber that allows the business to stay open and to use the storage building as long as no materials are stored above 12 feet in the building.

"They see it one way, we see it the other, and we have the temporary occupancy permit in place until this gets resolved," said Bill Carey, a Grayling attorney who represents the Elm's.

An attempt to mediate the dispute failed in December.

Now, the township board is in the process of appointing a fire

board of appeals to handle the dispute.

The panel will include an industrial safety specialist, an architect or engineer, a general contractor, a fire engineer and a representative from general industry who is familiar with fire codes.

Ed Holtcamp, the Beaver Creek Township Fire Chief, advised the township as they have been planning the board.

Grayling Township Supervisor Terry Wright said that the township had a list of potential appointments to the board from the region. The township board, however, delayed appointing the board because Rich Jaskowski, the Grayling Township attorney, advised them the board could not pay for the service under provisions in the International Fire Code.

"Most of the people we were going to appoint are from Traverse City, and they are not going to come over here and do this for nothing," Wright said.

Now, the township will seek qualified professionals in the community or who live nearby to volunteer to sit on the board.

The fire board of appeals will decide if the sprinkler system is needed in the DuBois Lumber storage, or if a suitable alternative can be recommended. The board will also address the placement of fencing around the outside storage at the business.

"The only recourse I have is to go in front of this board," said Kelly Elm, who is seeking to continue using the storage building as it was built and avoid installing the costly fire suppression equipment.

While Grayling Township and the City of Grayling share joint operation of the fire department, the fire board of appeals will only hear matters for cases in the township's jurisdiction. The board will be appointed for two years.

"Every municipality has to have their own, but not many do because this does not come up very often," Wright said.



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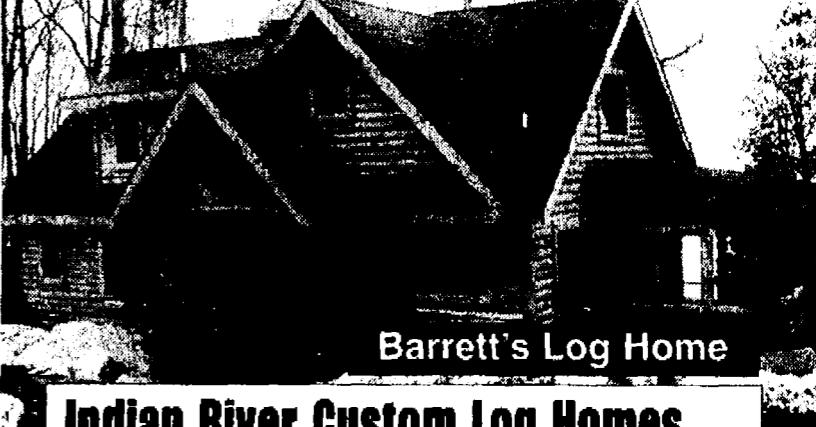
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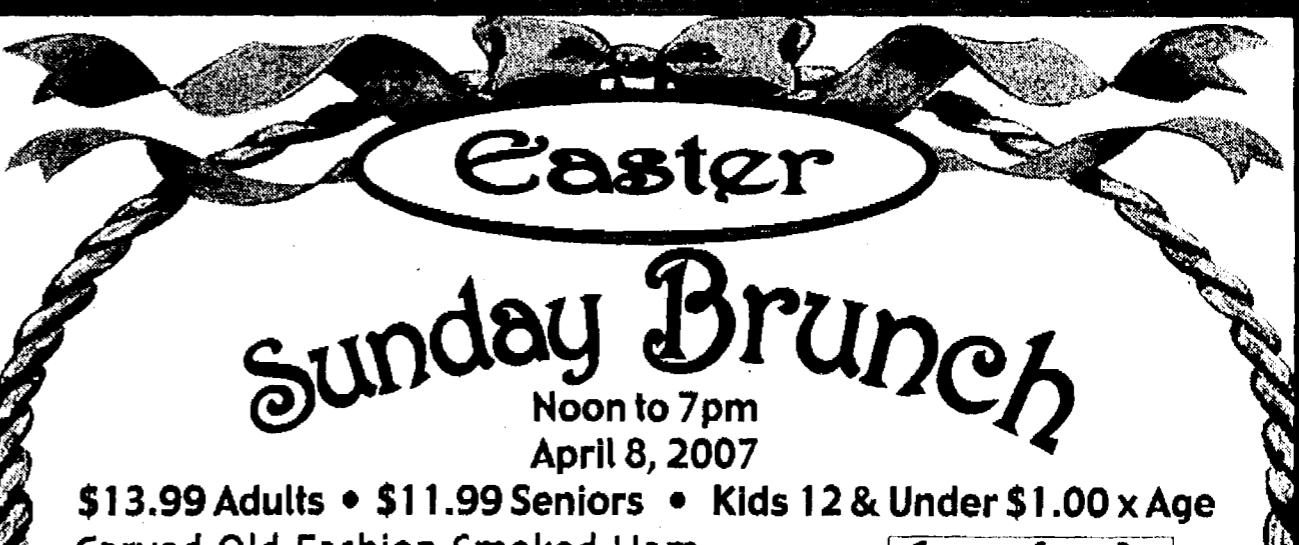


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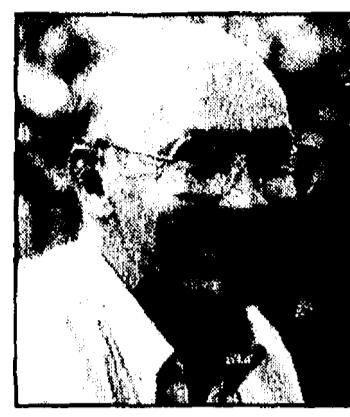
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OPINIONS



ALMANACK

by Richard L. Milliman

State's budget crisis nearing critical stage

MICHIGAN'S STATE budget crisis crunches forward, with not an end in sight.

The calendar dictates certain crisis points, however, while Gov. Jennifer Granholm, the Republican controlled state senate, and the Democratic controlled state house, like tentative boxers, poke and jab and punch, gingerly dancing around the ring.

One crisis point is September 30. That's when the 2006-07 fiscal year ends, and it looks as if the state treasury will be about \$900 million short of making ends meet.

The numbers may bounce around because revenue estimates may vary from day to day, but the September 30 year end means changes must be made right about now if the books are to balance and government can proceed uninhibited.

Gov. Granholm has picked May 1 as "Drop Dead Day." If no plan is in place by May 1 to balance the books on September 30, she says state government

except for essential services, such as prisons and police work, will shut down until solutions can be found. So much for Crisis No. 1.

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A SECOND CRISIS point is October 1. That's when the 2007-08 new fiscal year begins, and once more the state budget will be short but by an estimated \$3 billion or so.

That's because last year's legislature voted to end the state's business activities tax (BAT) on December 31, 2007. The old legislature did not offer any substitute tax or other way to replace that \$3 billion in lost revenue, so the buck was passed to the new legislature elected last November.

Gov. Granholm claims it is one crisis rather than two, but Republican legislators treat it as two separate crises, pursuing solutions one at a time.

Two solutions at one time are very unlikely. In fact, coming up with an adequate answer to the short-range shortage in time to avoid completely at least some

September 30 fiscal disturbance is problematic.

Finding \$900 million in a few weeks may be possible, but finding another \$3 billion at the same time just won't happen.

Republicans act as if curtailing present spending will solve Crisis No. 1 -- the current shortfall. This is the no-tax but bigger-cut crew at work.

Democrats -- Gov. Granholm and House Speaker Andy Dillon -- agree to some spending reductions, but claim that more revenue is needed, too.

Republicans seem to favor all spending cuts, no new taxes.

Democrats want some new taxes, and not all cuts.

That's an attitudinal schism which must be bridged before any practical answers can be found, either to solve Crisis No. 1, and certainly to solve the longer range Crisis No. 2.

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IN MY OPINION, there's a Crisis No. 3 that in the long run is even more

important.

This year's immediate problem may be handled with short range answers, and next year's problem of replacing business activities tax revenues likely will command a short-term answer by shuffling among taxes to put another patch on our tax system.

The longer range Crisis No. 3 is a complete examination and overhaul of Michigan's entire system of taxation, including the constitutional earmarks on funds and limitations on taxation, many of which have been added to the constitution from time to time.

The goal must be a tax system that is fair, substantial, business-attractive and yet adjustable enough to meet emerging and changing needs of people which are the proper responsibility of state and local governments.

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TAX THEORY -- Taxes are necessary. Governments couldn't operate without them. Taxes provide benefits that reach all people.

One theory of taxation is summed up in this little rhyme:

"Don't tax you and don't tax me. Tax that guy behind the tree."

The same theory works for government spending, too: "Don't cut you and don't cut me. Cut that guy behind the tree."

An old adage about taxes has made the rounds for a long time. I first heard it more than 50 years ago from then state Sen. Clyde Geerlings of Holland, who headed the state senate taxation committee in other years of crisis.

"The art of taxation," Sen. Geerlings told this then-young reporter, "is to extract the largest handful of feathers from the goose with the least amount of squawk."

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Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

EDITOR

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VIEWPOINT

By Maria Jurkovich, Assistant Director River House Shelter

Sexual Assault Awareness Month

In February, Grayling Mercy Hospital opened its new Emergency Department to serve Crawford County and the surrounding communities. While the new Emergency Department was built for many different types of patients, those who need care after a sexual assault were especially considered in the new design.

These patients are seen by a nurse immediately when they present to the waiting room, and taken to a private room especially designed for them. This room is larger than most of the others, with an adjoining bathroom where a patient may shower and change clothes

after the exam. The room is set up for the patient's comfort, but is also arranged to facilitate the collection of forensic evidence by a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) or other Emergency Department staff. All equipment that may be needed is located in the room, and shelves line one wall so that the sexual assault kit, evidence, and paperwork may be kept together and well-organized.

The room is large enough for the patient to be comfortable, and still have room for a family member or friend, and an advocate from River House, Inc. River House continues to

be available as part of the Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) that has been in place for many years. Along with the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner, a River House advocate will respond to the hospital to be a support person for the patient, and offer counseling opportunities and a safe place for the patient to stay.

Safety is another important aspect of the new Emergency Department. It is a completely locked unit, with video cameras at entrances, exits, and parking areas. This allows for a patient to feel safe after a sexual assault or domestic violence incident.

Different entrances now separate the ambulance traffic from the walk-in traffic. Ambulances enter at one end of the department, and the walk-in entrance is now beside the main hospital entrance.

During April, as Sexual Assault Awareness is highlighted, the COOR Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence is proud to have these enhanced services for survivors of sexual violence in our community. The COOR Coalition works to reduce domestic and sexual violence through a coordinated effort of prevention, education and collaboration.

In observance of Good Friday, April 6th, the Crawford County Avalanche business office will be closed between the hours of noon and 3 p.m. Deadlines for news and advertising for the April 12th newspaper are unchanged.

CRAWFORD COUNTY AVALANCHE DEADLINES

Community Briefs by noon on Friday for items submitted to the Crawford County Avalanche must be turned in to the office by Monday noon, to appear in that week's issue.

News items and letters should be submitted on 8 1/2-x-11 inch paper, typed and double-spaced.

Photographs must be turned in to the office

Handwritten items must also have ample

space between each line; on lined paper use every other line.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The opinions expressed in the letters and columns on this page are solely those of the writer and do not necessarily reflect the views of The Avalanche.

Your views are welcome on the Opinion Page. Letters may be typed or handwritten, but please double-space or use every other line and limit to 500 words.

Every letter must be signed and an address and telephone number

must be included to be considered for publication. Letters will not be published without the author's name. Telephone numbers are not published.

All letters are subject to editing and will be printed as space allows.

Deadline for submitting letters to the editor is Friday at noon for consideration for publication in the following week's paper.

BRIEFS

River festival parade meetings to be held

The River Festival Parade Committee meeting will be held on April 5, at the Holiday Inn. This year's theme is "Super 60" representing 60 years of The AuSable River Canoe Marathon. Regular meetings will be held on the first and third Thursday of each month through July. Individuals who would like to assist in planning this year's parade are welcome to attend.

Hanson Hills to host Easter Egg Hunt

Hanson Hills will hold an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 7, from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. There will be an egg hunt, refreshments, snacks and pictures with the Easter Bunny.

Child protection council to hold training

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month and Sexual Assault Awareness Month. The Crawford-Roscommon Child Protection Council will hold a one-day training on Internet Safety and Dangers of Methamphetamine, at the Grayling Holiday Inn, April 13, at 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Cost is \$15 per person and includes a light breakfast, lunch and refreshments. Reservations are limited to 80 persons. To register or for information contact Cindy Timmons at 989-344-9335.

Organ transplant support group to meet

The Transplant Support Group of Northern Michigan will hold a meeting on Thursday, April 12, at 6 p.m., in the Professional Medical Building conference room behind Otsego Memorial Hospital, 825 N. Center, Gaylord. The meeting is for anyone interested in organ and tissue donation, or meeting with recipients and hearing their stories. For information call Bev at 989-983-4188 or contact the Gift of Life Michigan at 1-800-482-4881.

Band boosters plan monthly meeting

The Grayling Viking Band Boosters meeting will be held Thursday, April 12, at 7 p.m., in the Grayling Middle School band room. Anyone interested in the activities that support the instrumental music program for both the Grayling Middle School and the Grayling High School are encouraged to attend.

Crawford County Democrats to meet

The Crawford County Democrats will gather for their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, April 12, at 7 p.m., at the Crawford County Courthouse.

VFW and Ladies Auxiliary to hold meeting

The VFW Post 3736 and the Ladies Auxiliary will hold their meetings on April 10, at 7 p.m., at the American Legion Hall. Elections will be held for officers. Members need to be present. The Auxiliary will hold their regular meeting on April 11, at 3:30 p.m.

Animal Shelter board to meet

The Animal Shelter of Crawford County will meet on Wednesday, April 18, at 5:30 p.m., at Northern Michigan Financial Services, 2375 S. I-75 BL, in Grayling. Public welcome.

Hospice volunteer training to be held

Mercy Hospice Volunteer training will be held on April 25 and 26, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Mercy Hospice office, 201 Meadows Drive, Ste. A, Grayling. To sign up or for more information call Sherry Haag, volunteer coordinator, at 800-424-1457 or 989-348-0039.

Community calendar now available on-line

The Crawford County Avalanche now has a community calendar on their new web site. To view area happenings or to be considered for publication of your event, go to crawfordcountyavalanche.com click on community and go to community calendar.

Better breathing means better living

For most people, the simple act of breathing barely warrants a thought during an average day. But for the millions of Americans with chronic lung disease, breathing can be difficult and even frightening.

Oscego Memorial Hospital (OMH) will be offering a Healthy Lungs presentation on Wednesday, April 11, at 6 p.m., in the OMH Professional Building Conference Room. Healthy Lungs is a community presentation for everyone, especially persons living with lung disease and breathing problems such as Chronic Obstructive Lung Disease (COPD), asthma, allergies, emphysema, and chronic bronchitis.

COPD is a group of lung diseases that cause breathing problems. There are three main diseases included in the COPD group — emphysema, chronic bronchitis, and asthma. These diseases have one thing in common: they limit the flow of air into and out of the lungs. As a result, a person with COPD may cough, wheeze, have excess mucus, feel fatigued, or have shortness of breath. This can interfere significantly with one's activities of daily living and may cause stress and anguish for the individual and their family.

"Most often, there is no cure for COPD," said Paul Hagan, RRT, Director of the Cardiopulmonary Department at OMH. "However, the good news is that with education and simple modifications to daily activities, the ease of breathing and level of comfort can improve. People with COPD will see considerable improvement in

their breathing and in their day-to-day activities if they follow a prescribed program of fitness and therapy," said Hagan.

"Our goal is that you leave the class with a good understanding of your breathing medications, breathing techniques to control shortness of breath, healthy nutrition tips, simple exercise techniques and how to care for yourself (mind, body and spirit) when you have chronic lung disease," Hagan said. This class will help participants learn the basics of how the respiratory system works and there will be discussion of specific lung diseases and how they can affect breathing.

"If you have been diagnosed with a respiratory or lung disease, we strongly suggest that you gain as much knowledge as you can and carefully follow a treatment plan," Hagan said. "These are the most important steps for you to stay healthy, feel good, and do all the things you want to do." COPD education programs can help participants learn to take control over lung disease. Family and friends and others who may not have respiratory illness but are interested in learning more about lung disease and the educational and rehabilitation services available at Otsego Memorial Hospital are welcome to attend. There is no charge to attend the presentation and no RSVP is required.

If you have questions contact the OMH Health Education Coordinator at (989) 731-2193. The OMH Professional Medical Building Conference Room is located on the northwest corner of the Hospital.

Buddy Week starts on April 9

Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land is asking Michigan residents to "show their heart" by signing up to be organ and tissue donors during Buddy Week, which begins Monday, April 9.

Enrollees will receive a heart sticker designating their wish for their driver's license or state identification card. With the sticker in place, there is no need to fill out the organ donor information on the back of the card. The heart sticker campaign began Jan. 1 and continues until the programming that allows licenses and ID cards to be "branded" with a permanent heart logo is in place.

April is designated nationally as "Donate Life Month," and the Department of State, Gift of Life Michigan and Michigan Eye-Bank sponsor Buddy Week in recognition of organ donation's benefits and to highlight the critical need for donors. During Buddy Week, organ and tissue donor supporters, or Buddies, meet with the public at Secretary of State offices to promote enrollment on the Michigan Organ Donor Registry.

"This is an event I look forward to each year because you cannot meet the donors, donor families and recipients and not be moved by their tremendous stories," Land said. "Although it can be difficult to talk about, organ donation really does transform lives. I am proud of the work our organ donor advocates have done to promote this worthy cause and will enjoy meeting with them and the public throughout Buddy Week."

Buddy Week begins on Monday, April 9 with a news

conference hosted by Land in Detroit. Tuesday, April 10 is designated as "Buddy Day," and 298 Gift of Life Michigan and Michigan Eye-Bank Buddies will visit 133 branch offices from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to distribute organ donor information. Buddies have either had a transplant or are waiting for one, or they are a donor family member or donation supporter.

Land said the weeklong emphasis will be to encourage residents to add their names to the registry, including different segments of the population, such as those in the corporate, educational, health-care and government sectors.

The department's Web site makes registering easy with its online enrollment program at www.Michigan.gov/sos. Branch office clerks are also happy to enroll any customers who ask to have their names added to the registry.

Gift of Life Michigan is the state's certified, full-service organ recovery organization. The agency acts as an intermediary between donors, physicians and hospital staff. For more information about organ donation, contact Gift of Life Michigan at (800) 482-4881 or www.giftoflifemichigan.org.

The Michigan Eye-Bank's mission is the restoration of sight by educating people about the ongoing need for eye donors. To learn more, call (800) 247-7250 or visit the organization's Web site at www.michiganeyebank.org.

For more information about Department of State organ donation initiatives, visit its Web site at www.Michigan.gov/sos.

Free cancer screening for Crawford and Roscommon County residents

The American Cancer Society, District Health Department #10 and Mercy Hospital Grayling are sponsoring a free cancer screening for Crawford and Roscommon County residents, ages 35-64 who are uninsured or underinsured. Screenings will be provided by Mercy Family Care of Grayling on April 12, appointments are necessary. Limited space is available.

Many cancers are preventable and treatable if detected early. There may be no real symptoms in the early stages of some types of cancer. This is why it is so important to have regular cancer screenings.

The American Cancer Society, District Health Department #10 and Mercy Hospital Grayling are dedicated to educating the community about cancer and are encouraging men and women to register for this free cancer screening. Appointments are necessary and can be made by contacting District Health Department #10 at 989-348-7800 extension 8999. Services offered during the screening include colorectal screening, clinical breast exam, pelvic exam with pap test, and mammogram as needed for women. Men's screening includes colorectal screening, digital rectal exam, PSA blood test as needed and cancer health

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The Bible Speaks

Justified for Life

Romans 5:9 taught us: "Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him." The shed blood and death of Jesus Christ assures those who are justified by faith in Him that they face no future wrath. Now in Romans 5:10 we are assured we will live forever through faith in the resurrection life of Jesus Christ. "For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life." As Jesus promised in John 10:28,29: "And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand."

We shall live eternally because Jesus Christ is our mediator with God the Father. "For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus." (1 Tim. 2:5). He is "the mediator of the new testament," (Heb. 9:15). He is the mediator of the new covenant. (Heb. 12:24). He is not only the only mediator

between God and man, but also of the New Testament and New Covenant which give us God's promise and assurance of eternal life.

We shall live eternally because Jesus Christ is our advocate with God the Father. "My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous." As Jesus promised us in John 5:24,25: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life. 25Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live."

We shall live eternally because Jesus Christ is our intercessor. "Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us" (Rom. 8:34). "Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them." (Heb. 7:25).

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Kirtland Community College

Kirtland Community College's chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, an international honor society for two-year colleges, recently inducted 24 new members into its ranks during a candlelight ceremony in the Student Center on the college's main campus on Friday, March 16.

The ceremony honoring the chapter's new members for the 2007 winter semester also recog-

nized the 24 KCC students who were inducted during the fall 2006 semester.

To be eligible for membership in Phi Theta Kappa, a student must have completed at least 12 hours of course work toward an associate's degree and earn a minimum 3.5 grade point average. Students must also maintain a high academic standing throughout their enrollment while attending a two-year col-

lege.

Winter 2007 semester inductees include: Kellie Harding, David Esmaker, and Andrea Parke all of Gaylord; Starr Fritz and Trisha Petersen both of Grayling; Katie Gierszewski, Houghton Lake; Kassie Lach, Luerne; Rikki Reetz, Mio; and Jeanne Cavanagh, Mari Arakawa, and Lyneen Sulick, all of Roscommon.

Fall 2006 semester inductees include: Janine Proux, Gaylord; Kathryn Oleniczak, Grayling; Chelsea Lockwood, Frank Kalinowski, and Heidi Vogel, all of Houghton Lake; Maleah Ross, and Jennalyn Miller, both of Mio; Karen Ehinger, James Brown, Erin Denley, and George Kozlowski, all of Roscommon; and April Barber, South Branch.

BIRTHS

Kathleen and Stephen Barlick, of Grayling, announce the birth of a son, Nathan Paul, born at Mercy Hospital on March 26, 2007, at 9:28 a.m., weighing 6 lbs., 7 ozs., and measuring 20 inches in length.

Jennifer Diffin and Donald Titchenell, of Grayling, announce the birth of a daughter, Sara Melissa Marie, born at Mercy Hospital on March 22, 2007, at 4:10 p.m., weighing 6 lbs., 6 ozs., and measuring 19 inches in length.

Kerry and Michael O'Rourke, of Grayling, announce the birth of a son, Korbyn James, born at Mercy Hospital on March 16, 2007, at 3:48 p.m., weighing 7 lbs., 1 oz., and measuring 20 1/2 inches in length.

Susan Stolte and Yaron Stagg, of Comins, announce the birth of a son, Darian Hunter, born at Mercy Hospital on March 29, 2007, at 12:04 a.m., weighing 6 lbs., 9.3 ozs., and measuring 19 inches in length.

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4/6 ~ Way of the Cross ~ 6 pm
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4/6 ~ Good Friday Service ~ Noon
4/7 ~ Easter Breakfast ~ 9:30 am
4/8 ~ Resurrection Celebration Service ~ 11 am

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4/8 ~ Sunday Morning Service ~ 11 am

St. Mary's Catholic Church

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4/6 ~ Liturgy of the Lord's Passion & Death ~ 1:30 pm

4/7 ~ Easter Vigil ~ 9 pm

4/8 ~ Easter Sunday ~ 10 am

Michelson Memorial United Methodist

4/5 ~ Maundy Thursday Service ~ 7 pm
4/6 ~ Community Good Friday Service ~ Noon

4/8 ~ Easter Sunday Worship ~ 8:30 am - 10 am & 11:15 am

Mt. Hope Lutheran

4/5 ~ Maundy Thursday Service ~ 7 pm
4/6 ~ Good Friday Service ~ 7 pm
4/8 ~ Easter Sunday Service ~ 7:30 am & 10:30 am

Bear Lake Christian

4/6 ~ Good Friday Service ~ 12:30 pm

4/8 ~ Easter Service ~ 10 am

Calvary Baptist

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The management and staff of Big Boy Restaurant of Grayling for holding their own Gimme Shelter fund raiser to help build our new shelter.

The management and staff of Gray Rock Café for donating proceeds from their Superbowl Party

to help the animals and for selling the most hearts during the annual "Have A Heart" campaign.

To all the other businesses that participated in the "Have A Heart" Campaign: S&K Marathon, Grayling Hospital for Animals, Brookside Beauty Salon, Ole Dam Party Store, Charlie's Country Corners, Sawmill Tavern, McLean's Ace Hardware, 7-Eleven, The Medicine Shoppe, Rochette's IGA, Northern Tails, Lone Pine Restaurant, Westside Diner, DuBois Lumber, Ole Barn, Northland Area Federal Credit Union, and Xpress Copy Center.

To the dedicated veterinarians and staff of the Grayling Hospital for Animals for all their loving care to all our shelter animals, especially our dear boy, Thor.

To Alexandra Mosel for all her

dedicated volunteer work and fund raising efforts. Congratulations! You are a wonderful example for all ages, not just teens.

Low Cost Shot Clinic - Donna Simons, DVM, and her dedicated staff; Linda Golnick and Millman Communications; and all those who volunteered their time to help out.

To Harold and Dee Maas, Bob and Kay Doty, Chris and Boots Wright, Susan Boyd, Shelter Director Cheryl Postma, Assistants Autumn Roberts, Karen Holemo and Alice Ray: your unending devotion to all the animals is very much appreciated by all.

Animal Shelter of Crawford County Board of Directors

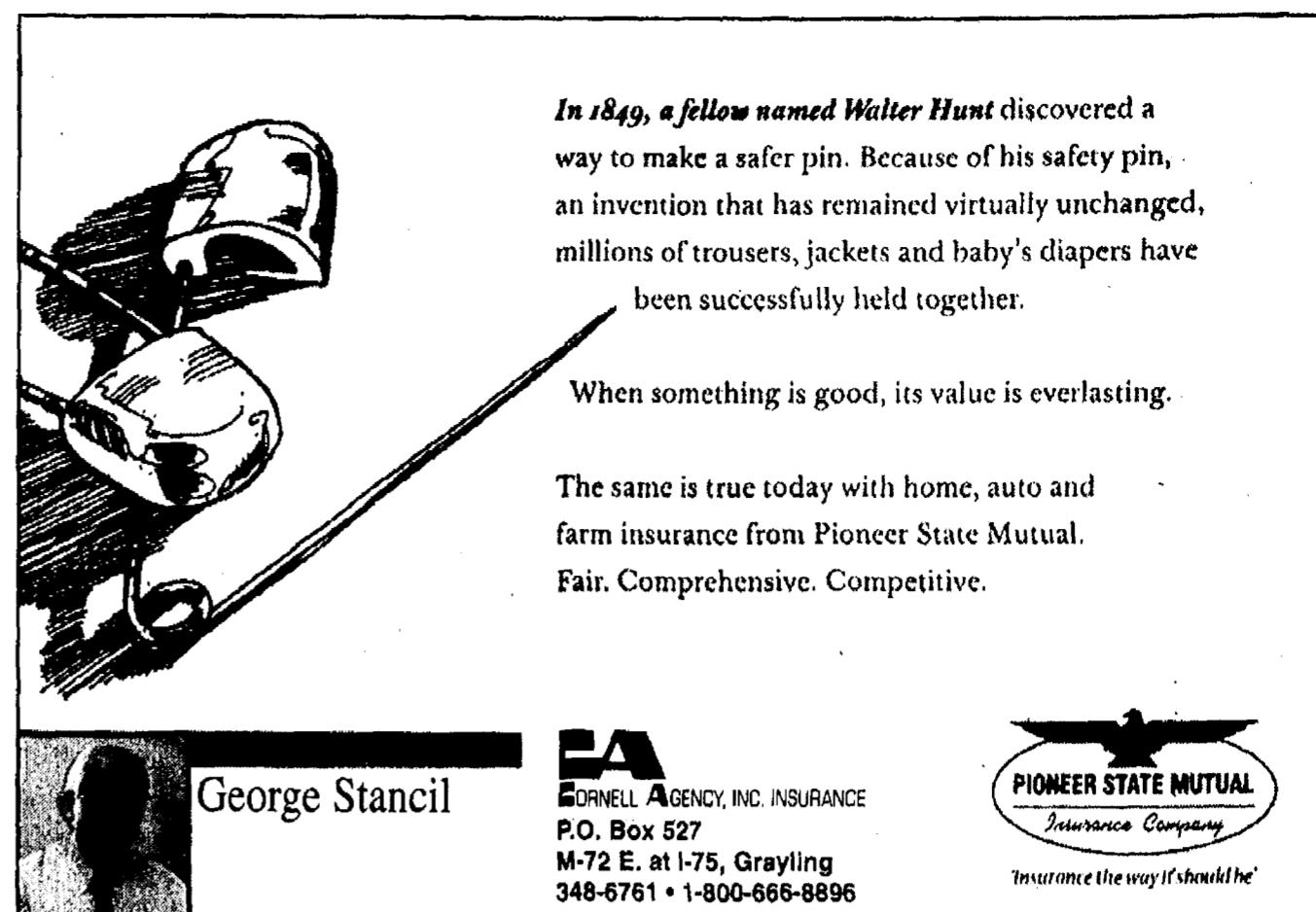
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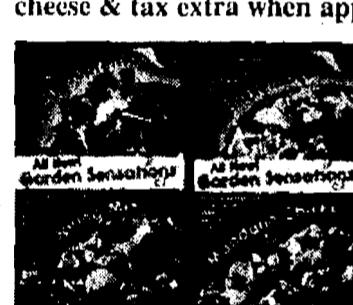
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GPA travelogue visits the sun states

The Grayling Promotional Association Entertainment Series 34th season of the Travel and Adventure Series will present, on the big screen, "The Real World of The Sun States" on April 12 at the Rialto Theatre, downtown Grayling.

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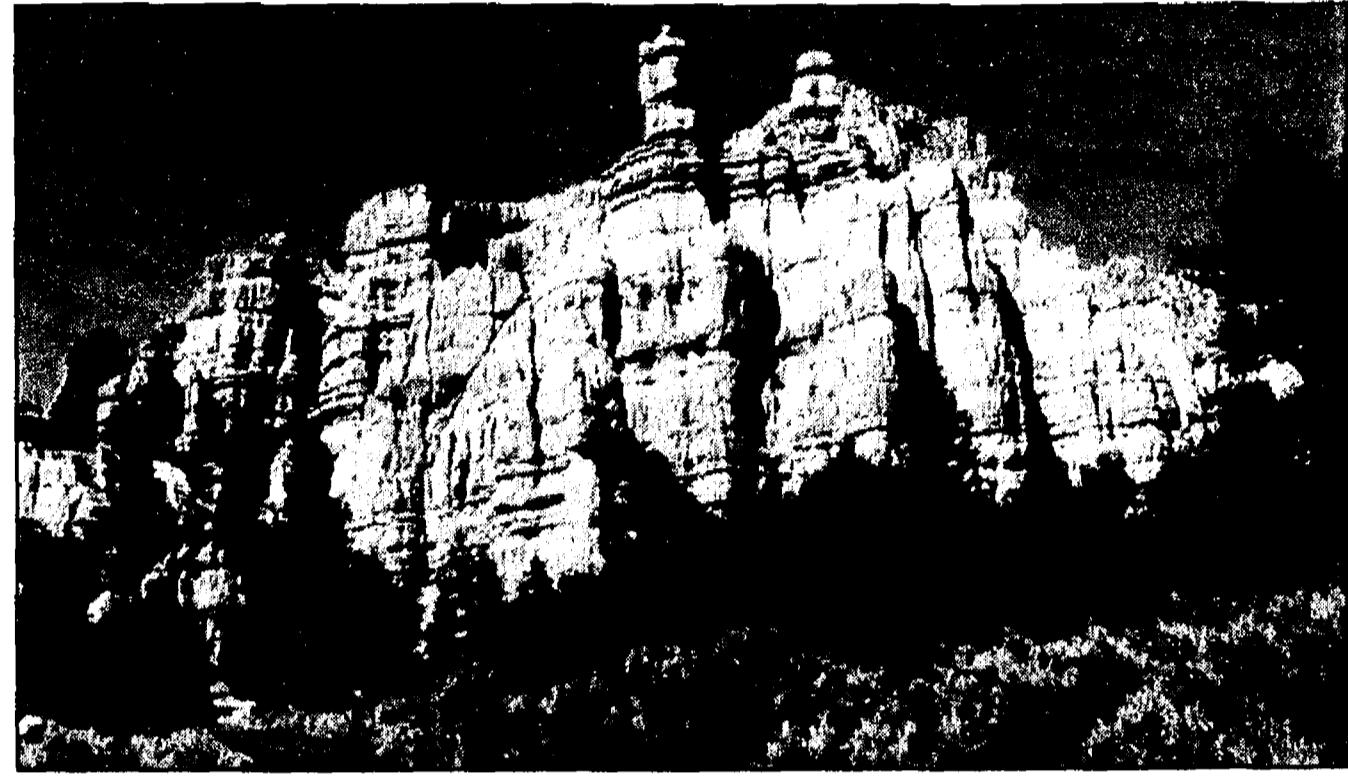
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For more information on this performance or a schedule for the upcoming series, call the Chamber at 989-348-2921.

The Travel and Adventure Series is made possible with the generous support of lead sponsor Fick and Sons, Inc. of Grayling, in partnership with the Grayling Promotional Association, area businesses and corporations, grants from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and the Michigan Humanities Council.



Visit "The Real World of The Sun States" with the Grayling Promotional Association's Travel and Adventure, with live presenter Rick Howard, at the Rialto Theatre on Thursday, April 12.

Business fair and job expo to be held at GHS

A business fair and job expo will be held from 3 p.m. - 6 p.m., Thursday, April 19, in the cafeteria at Grayling High School. Businesses will showcase their business and network with others. Job seekers will be able to apply on-site for full-time, seasonal, and part-time employment opportunities.

According to Kay Cosgray, CCEDP chair and business liaison for Grayling Michigan Works, "This business expo and job fair will bring employers and employees together, creating

opportunity for both.

Networking is an effective tool to create synergies with other businesses and for business, small and large, to enhance the local workforce."

Tim Zigler, Grayling Chamber of Commerce president, stated, "The business expo gives community members a chance to see what services and products are available locally while the job fair gives potential employees a direct connection to area employers."

Grayling Chamber of Commerce, Grayling Michigan Works, Grayling High School, and Crawford County Economic Development Partnership (CCEDP) will sponsor the fair and expo.

A Business after Hours will be hosted by Chemical Bank, from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m., also in the Grayling High School cafeteria.

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Grayling High School students participate in Youth in Government

Grayling High School sent 12 students to this year's state conference for Michigan Youth in Government. The conference was held in Lansing from March 7-11. This year marked the 59th annual Michigan Youth in Government conference. Grayling High School had its largest delegation in recent years, and was part of the largest state conference ever. Participants from this year were: Peter Alexander, John Cochrane, Brianna Farrell, William Fowler, Kayla Hawes, Andria Howe, Amber McCleave, Dylan Nye, Cassandra Pizzi, Emily Sloan, Kilah Vanderstelt, and Rachel Wilson.

Michigan Youth in Government has two spring state conferences each year. This year, Grayling High School attended the early conference in March. Next year, GHS will attend the April conference.

During this year's conference, the Grayling High School delegation was able to personally meet with Governor Jennifer Granholm. This was a very unique opportunity. The governor was very cordial to the group and welcomed them to the capitol.

Michigan Youth in Government is a program sponsored by the state YMCA. This program allows students to learn about our state government, using a hands-on approach. The students participate in a mock government, which resembles the real government of the state of Michigan. Participants have an opportunity to be involved in all three formal branches of government (legislative, executive, and judicial), as well as the informal processes, involved in government (the written and electronic press, as well as lobbyists).

All participants in Michigan Youth in Government must write legislative bills to attend the conference. At the conference,

these bills are debated, using parliamentary procedure. If the bills pass both houses of the legislature, they will then go to the youth governor, who will either veto them or sign them. "It is quite an accomplishment for any bill to get out of its committee, or to pass through one of the houses," said Darrin Hawes GHS advisor. "This year, four GHS students had their bills get out of committee, with two passing at least one house. Students who had their bills get out of committee include Hawes, Farrell, Sloan, and Vanderstelt. Hawes and Vanderstelt actually had bills that were passed through at least one house."

Students, from Grayling High School, who participate in Youth in Government, must pay for their participation, which was \$325 this year. All advisors must also pay for their expenses, which come to \$350. All participants must also pay for most of their meals. Money was raised this year by the students and their advisor to help off-set some of these costs. Contributors that helped make this year's program possible are: Northern Driving School, Fick & Sons, DuBois Lumber and Rent-all, Heads Up North, RE/Max of Grayling, Grayling Family Dentistry, Denholm Family Chiropractic, Glen's Market, Edward Jones of Grayling, Hometown Furniture and Design Center, Rooyer and Sitz Accounting, Spicy Bob's, Grayling Kiwanis Club, and Hungry Howie's Pizza. The Crawford County Democratic Party and Grayling Youth Booster Club also made large donations to the group. "Thank You" to all involved.

Darrin Hawes, the advisor of the GHS delegation, said he is proud of all of the students who participated and encourages more students to get involved next year.

Dance team finishes season undefeated

Students from the Louise Tournaud School of Dance, (soon to be re-named Dancin Feet) finished out their season of competition on March 18, in Bay City. The team took 11 first places, highest choreography award and the largest trophy for first place production number, Circle of Life. Students Devon Bobenmoyer and Kelsey Gilbert took first places on their solo dances. "I am so proud

of the girls," says Louise Tournaud.

The 30 year old studio in Grayling, suffered a \$46,000 loss last year due to flooding from a broken water pipe and had to be shut down. A year later the studio is up and running strong. "We may have been flooded, but we aren't washed up," said Tournaud.

The team went to three compe-

titions this year Dance America, Starquest and I Love Dance. First places were scored at all of them.

A dance recital will be held on Saturday, June 16, at 4 p.m., at Roscommon High School. "The girls have put a lot of hard work and heart into their dancing. I hope the communities will come and support their local artistic athletes," said Tournaud. The theme is Jungle Jams 2007.



These students from the Louise Tournaud School of Dance placed first in the production number Circle of Life: bottom row (L to R): Allison Hintz, Sydni Kann; (2nd row) Mary Cook, Adriana Leibold, Olivia Rogers; (3rd row) Haley Marenette, Iva Haven, Taylor Godfrey, Marissa Crowley, Kelly Gildner; (4th row) Victoria Likavic, Tessa Richards, Kelsey Gilbert, Miss T, Rachael Crowley, Paige Wisniewski, Anise Judge, Kelsey Warner, and Devon Bobenmoyer.

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Kirtland board calls special meeting as field for college's next president narrows

The Kirtland Community College Board of Trustees has scheduled a special meeting for 7 p.m. on Monday, April 9, at the Kirtland House on its main campus near Roscommon, as college officials continue to work toward naming a successor to Dr. Charles Rorie, Kirtland's president since 2000.

At least 29 potential applicants have thrown their hats into the ring to become the seventh president of local two-year college, established in 1966.

The search for a successor to Rorie started last fall after he announced his intentions to retire as of June 30. In October 2006, the KCC Board of Trustees hired search consultant David Ponitz, president emeritus of Sinclair Community College.

of Ohio.

According to Dale Shantz, Kirtland's director of human resources, Ponitz reviewed applications and conducted preliminary reference checks before recently submitting a list of more than a dozen recommended candidates to the Advisory Committee. The committee, which includes various administrators, staff members and individuals from the public sector, met on Monday, April 2, to narrow that list to four finalists and two alternates.

"(Ponitz) has 14 names that meet the requirements that were set," Shantz said. "We also had a couple of late applicants."

Shantz, the board's liaison to Ponitz and member of Advisory Committee, updated KCC board members at their regular monthly

meeting March 15. At that time, it was requested that the board schedule a special meeting for April 9 to discuss the committee's recommendations.

The board of trustees will interview the finalists, before offering the college's top administrative post to the winning candidate. KCC officials hope to reach an agreement with that individual and have them report for their first day on the job on or about July 2.

To date, the applicant pool includes one current college president and 12 vice presidents, with 22 of the candidates having already earned doctorate degrees. Twelve of the applicants call Michigan home, while the job posting has also drawn interest from persons in Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana,

Minnesota, Wisconsin, North and South Dakota, Ohio, Vermont, Pennsylvania and New York.

The winning candidate will oversee Kirtland's main campus located near Roscommon, as well as the Michigan Technical Education Center (M-TEC) in Gaylord. Currently, about 2,300 students attend a variety of certificate and two-year degree programs at the two campuses.

KCC's service area includes all or parts of Crawford, Oscoda, Ogemaw, Roscommon, Otsego, Kalkaska, Missaukee, Gladwin and Alcona counties, as well as the surrounding areas.

For more information on the presidential search, contact Shantz by calling 989-275-5000, extension 271, or via e-mail at shantz@kirtland.edu

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 92 complaints the week of March 26 - April 1:

One EMS response, one hazardous situation, two false alarm activations, one criminal sexual conduct/sexual assault, two assault/intimidation/stalkings, three burglaries/home invasions,

one burglary-forced entry-non-residence, four larcenies, two fraudulent activities, four damage to properties, one sex offense/indecent exposure, one liquor law violations, one obstructing justice, 11 public peace/disorderlies, one OUIL/UBAL, three health and safeties, two conservation, one miscellaneous crimi-

nal offense, one miscellaneous arrest, nine traffic accidents, one property, three civil matters/family disputes, seven suspicious situations, one suicide, 19 general non-criminal complaints and nine driving violations/driving while license suspended.

For more information, log on to: www.crawfordsheriff.org.

GRAYLING POLICE REPORT

Grayling City Police Chief Karl Schreiner reports his department handled the following complaints during the week of March 25 - March 31:

One misdemeanor arrest, one

assist other departments, one juvenile complaint, four traffic warnings, three larceny complaints, two suspicious behavior complaints, one permit to purchase, one malicious destruction

of property complaint, one civil complaint, one fraud complaint, one breaking and entering complaint, one traffic accident, one private property accident and six unclassified complaints.

RANGE FIRING

Range firing scheduled for the period of April 4 - 11 is as follows:

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OBITUARIES

Robert K. Wakeley

July 5, 1929 - March 20, 2007

Robert Keith Wakeley, 77, of Grayling, passed away on March 20, 2007.

He was born in Grayling, July 5, 1929, to Barton Leroy and Bonnie (Clise) Wakeley.

He married Marjorie (Einchinger) Wakeley. They celebrated their 56th anniversary in 2006.

He is survived by his wife; Marjorie, daughters: Donna (Carl) Roed, Dena (Al) Angove, Dawn (Richard Robbins) Wakeley, and Tina "Cookie" Doe, all of Grayling; sons: Richard (Theresa) Wakeley of Lapeer, Dennis (Roberta) Wakeley, Darryl (Kathy) Wakeley, and Dale Wakeley, all of Grayling; grandchildren: Colleen Rogers, Robbie and Shannon Wakeley, Mara LaPradd, and Dylan Pahssen; great-grandchildren, Jordan and Abigail Wakeley; brothers: Larry, Weldon and Terry Wakeley; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a son, Daniel Wakeley; brothers: Pete, Jimmy, and Cy Wakeley; sisters: Kary Lynn Wakeley, Betty Helsel, Marj Ray, Marilyn Adams, and Jean Beware.

A funeral service was held on March 20, 2007 with Father Robert Nalley officiating.

Condolences may be sent to www.soresonlockwood.com. Arrangements made by Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

Allan F. Snyder

Jan. 1, 1930 - March 27, 2007

Allan F. Snyder, 77, formerly of Bloomfield Hills and Hilton Head, S.C., passed away on March 27, 2007.

He was born in Newark, Ohio, on Jan. 1, 1930, to Edwin Allan and Frieda (Butler) Snyder.

He married Susie Morgan in Cranford N.J. in 1954.

He was a marketing executive from Union Carbide Corp., retiring in 1987. He was a graduate of Rutgers University. He was a U.S. Navy Veteran of World War II. He was a long time volunteer with Volunteers in Medicine and Hilton Head Hospital.

He is survived by his daughter, Saundra L. (Jack) Crandall of Grayling; granddaughters, Morgan and Taylor Snyder; and sister, Frances E. Malcom of Phoenix, Ariz.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, and son Scott Morgan Snyder.

A private memorial service will be held at a later date. Cremation has taken place.

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Nadia Washburn and Jeremiah Hoover

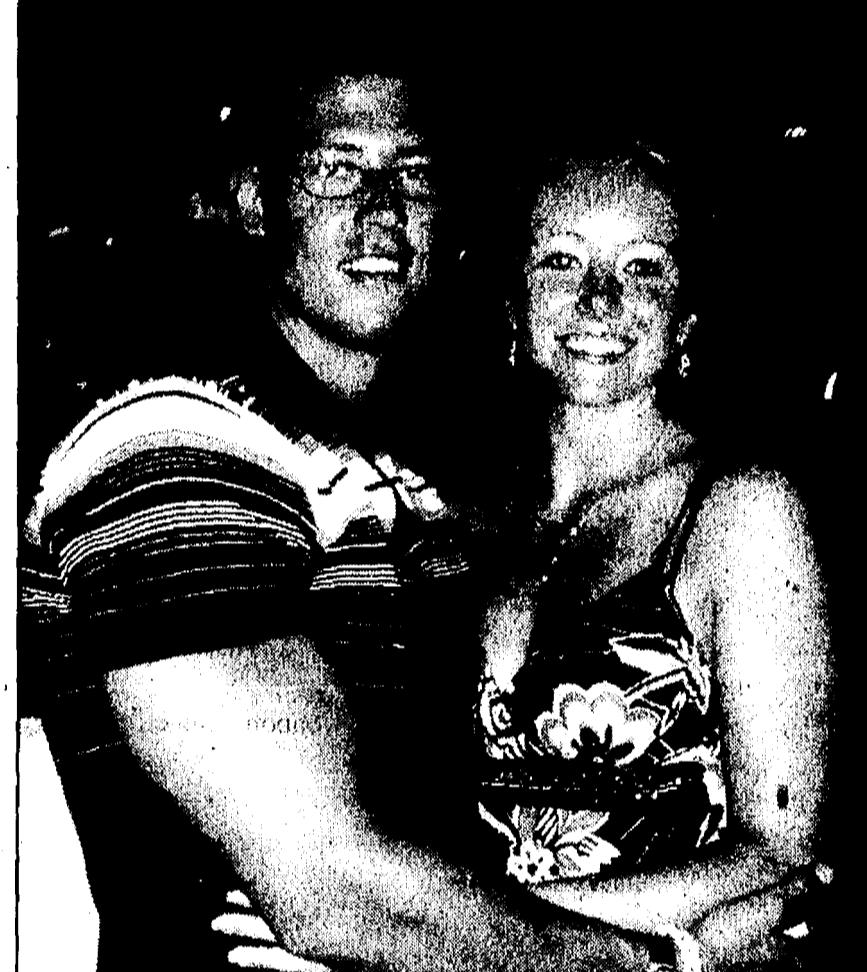
Nadia L. Washburn, of Gaylord, and Jeremiah L. Hoover, of Grayling, are engaged and planning a June 2007 wedding in Gaylord.

Nadia is the daughter of William and Hope Kirt and the late Larry C. Washburn. She attained a Master's degree in Business Administration from

Central Michigan University. She is employed at Davenport University.

Jeremiah is the son of Wendell and Angie Hoover. He graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in education from Olivet College. He is employed by the State of Michigan.

Larm, Rudzitis engaged



Nicole Larm and Arnis Rudzitis

Darrell and Heidi Larm and Candi and Jeff Taylor announce the engagement of their daughter, Nicole Marie Larm to Arnis Rudzitis of Grayling. A June 2008 wedding is planned.

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Thursday, April 12 - Lunch - oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, zucchini, and mandarin oranges. Dinner - beef stew, biscuit, green beans, and fresh fruit salad. 10 a.m. aerobics, 1 p.m. Pinochle, 5:30 p.m. Uno Attack.

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Family members protest police labor issues

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shifts to cover the schedule. Thayer said he is attempting to reduce the city's exposure to liability.

"If an officer makes a mistake because they are tired or fatigued, the city is going to be responsible," Thayer said.

Patti Coe, the wife of Police Officer Tim Coe, said changing the long-time practice of working 12-hour shifts will cut into family time, leading to further morale issues within the department.

"Police work in general is not a very family-friendly occupation," Patti Coe said.

Family members said the morale of the officers is at an all time low, and believe Grayling Police Chief Karl Schreiner is being micromanaged by other city officials.

"If the city manager is acting as the police chief, why do we pay the police chief to do his job?" Coe asked.

Roger Moshier, the mayor pro-tem for the Grayling City Council, encouraged family members to express their concerns to city council members so that they can make an informed decision on the shift change issue.

"I just thought that going to eight hours would reduce the stress of the job," Moshier said.

City police are currently negotiating an employment contract, which has failed to be resolved in two mediation hearings.

Thayer said the main issue is that officers are seeking an enhanced pension benefit. He said that Detective Dennis Long, and Officers Karl DeVries and Robert Butzin are seeking the pension benefit before they retire from the department.

The enhanced benefit would require the city to pay \$72,000. Thayer said that normally, employees seek the increased pension benefit earlier in their careers, then contribute by foregoing other benefits while they are still employed.

"It's kind of like they want us to create a golden parachute, and that's difficult to do," Thayer said.

One benefit city officials would like officers to forego is the pay received for working on holidays. Currently, officers

receive time and a half, plus an additional eight hours of pay if they work on a holiday. Officers maintain that they are required to be paid the additional eight hours. Thayer argues that it is not a customary practice to pay the additional hours at any other police agency in the state.

The contract with the police is heading for a binding arbitration hearing, which will likely be held this fall. Thayer said he is hopeful that the contract can be resolved considering the current economic climate in the state.

"In good times it's scary to go to arbitration," Thayer said. "In bad times, they should be the ones that are trying to avoid it."

Kate DeVries, the daughter of Police Officer Karl DeVries, said the unresolved contract and shift change are causing undue stress on the officers.

"They do nothing but bend over backwards for everyone but themselves," Kate DeVries said.

The city's Department of Public Works employees rejected a contract offer last week. Thayer said the public works employees are paid when they are on call if they have to respond to work. The employee receives four and a half hours at time and a half, an additional two and a half hours at time and a half if they are required to respond to work and the time spent working. City officials have proposed to reduce the contract so that public works employees would just be paid for two and a half hours at time and a half if they are on call.

"When I look at the budget, I'm trying to cut what I see and unwise expenditures and that is an unwise expenditure," Thayer said.

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Golf squad eyes second straight trip to state finals

■ All five scorers from 2006 regional championship team are back in 2007

by Caleb Casey
Senior Staff Writer

The 2007 Grayling High

School varsity girls golf team has all five of its competitors back from last season's regional championship squad, and the Vikings are getting ready for another potential run at the state finals.

This year's girls golf team

has eight players: Kristi Calkins, junior; Abby Wheeler, senior; Leigha Stevens, sophomore; Alexis Elmy, junior; Monica Leslie, senior; Andrea Willoughby, sophomore; Chelsea Mott, freshman; and Alicia Stanley, freshman.

As a team, Calkins, Wheeler, Stevens, Elmy, and Leslie finished first at last year's regional tournament to qualify for the state finals. They placed 11th at the state meet.

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See "GOLF SQUAD..."



Photo by Caleb Casey

Abby Wheeler, a senior, hits a ball during last Wednesday's GHS varsity girls golf practice.

Baseball team prepares for next week's season opener

■ First doubleheader of the year scheduled for Tuesday, April 10, at Cadillac

This year's Grayling High School varsity baseball team, a group that will feature seven seniors, seven juniors, and one sophomore, will open its 2007 season with two doubleheaders and a tournament next week.

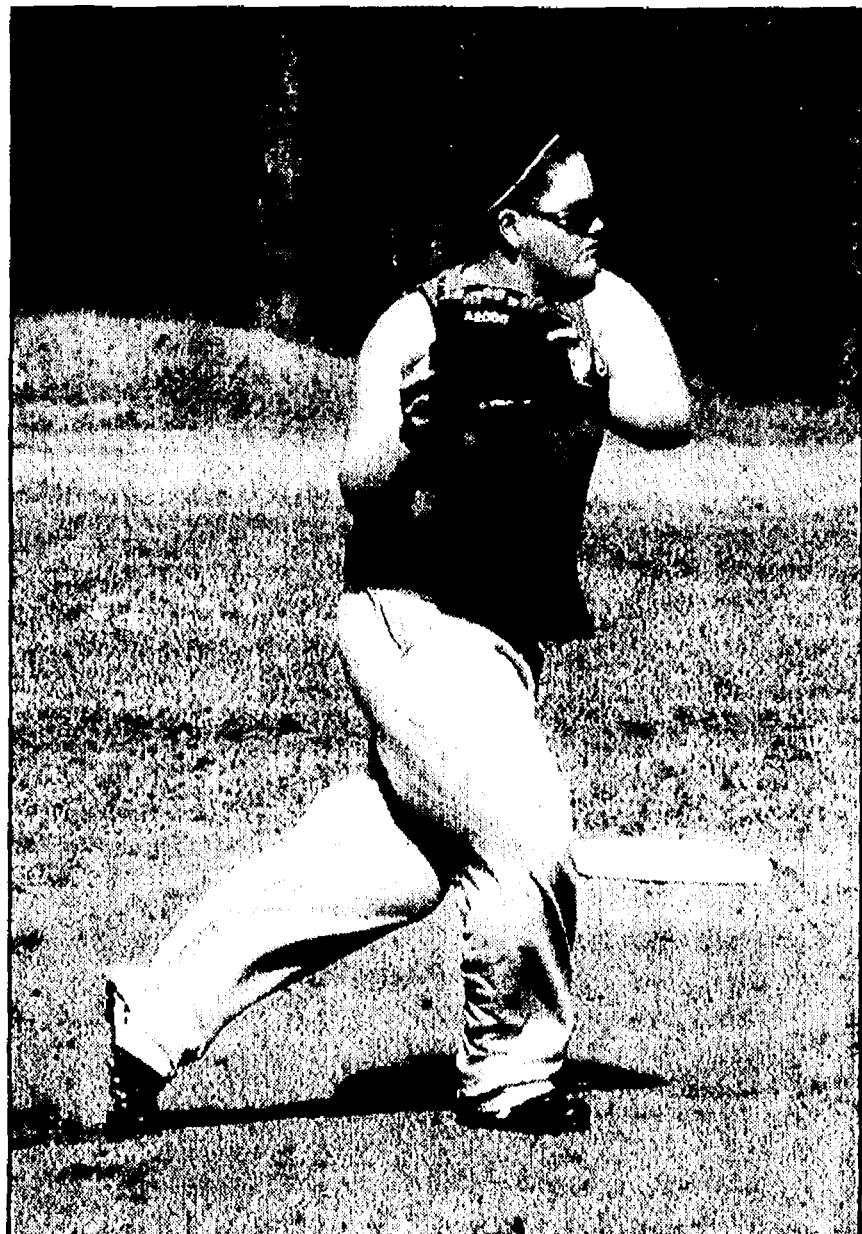
The Vikings are scheduled to play their season opener on Tuesday, April 10, at 4 p.m. at Cadillac. Grayling will host the Roscommon Bucks at 4 p.m. on Thursday, April 12, and the team will play in the Kingsley Invitational on Saturday, April 14.

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See "BASEBALL TEAM..."



Josh Stapleton, a junior, hits a ball off the tee during a recent varsity baseball practice at GHS.

Softball team to host two doubleheaders in week one



Shortstop Ashley Bindschatel (left), catcher Cayla Johnson (center), and third baseman Alyssa Lewis (right) throw the ball during infield drills at last Monday's Grayling High School varsity softball team practice. The Vikings are scheduled to host West Branch Ogemaw Heights on Wednesday, April 11, at 4 p.m. Grayling will also host a doubleheader vs. the Roscommon Bucks on Thursday, April 12, at 4 p.m. For a full preview article on this year's GHS varsity softball squad, see next week's *Crawford County Avalanche*.

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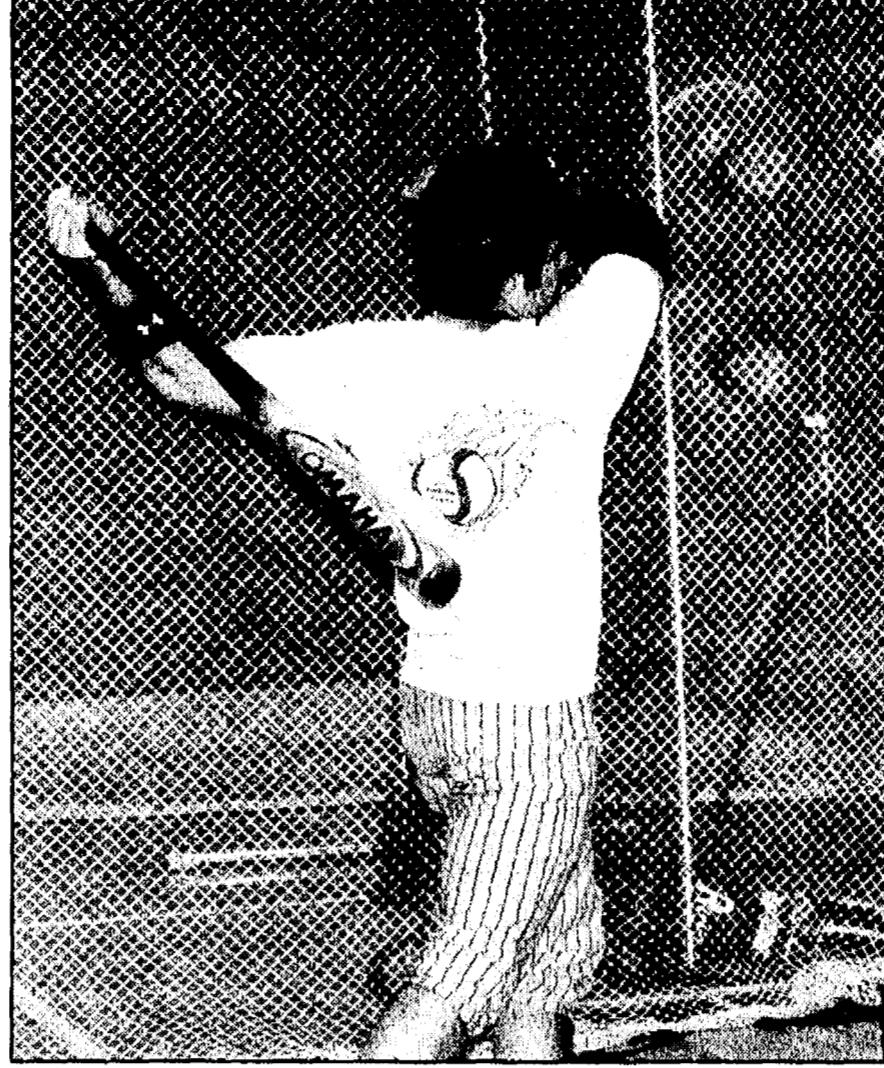
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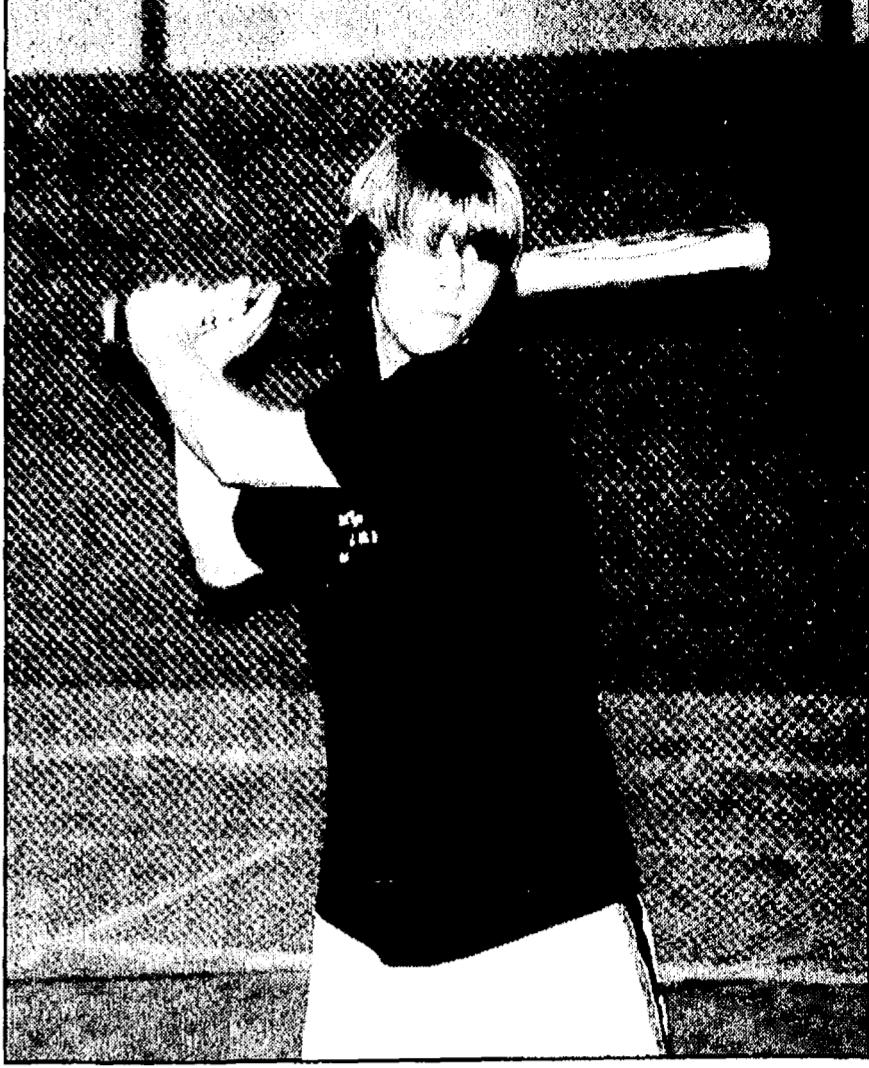
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Derek Etzler hits a ball off the tee at practice in the GHS gymnasium on March 21.



Ben Jones swings at the hit stick during a recent varsity baseball practice.

Baseball team prepares for next week's season opener

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Etzler, Herrick, Jones, and Mastej are the team's four returning seniors.

"The team will be led by senior Derek Etzler. Etzler, a four-year player at the varsity level, will move from behind the plate to anchor center field. Derek will also see action on the mound," Coach John Schneider said. "Jordan Herrick will be one of the every day catchers for the Vikes. Herrick has worked really hard and has improved. Brian Mastej will be used as a utility player as well as Ben Jones, both in the infield and outfield."

The team's other three seniors – Slater, Bancroft, and Hart – did not play baseball last year.

"Three other seniors will be playing for the first time. Doug Slater and Jeff Bancroft will be playing two sports for GHS this season. Slater is a very good tennis player and is a very good pitcher and shortstop. (He) excelled on last year's summer baseball team. Jeff Bancroft is a track man, and will also be part of the baseball program. Bancroft is an outstanding all-around student athlete," Coach Schneider said. "Rounding out

the senior group is Andy Hart. Hart is in his first season. He has worked extremely hard in practice and has been a really nice surprise."

"Leading the group of juniors are Richie Schreiber, Rocky McNamara, and Josh Stapleton. These three will be starters on the infield this season. Richie last season was the rookie of the year for the team. Schreiber has the potential to be one of the top players in the league this season. McNamara is an outstanding hitter, which he showed last season, going 2 for 3 in the district win over Gaylord. Rocky will be a stable at first base. Stapleton, who is a very talented infielder, will see action at shortstop and second base, as well as on the mound. Ethan Neuberger, Andy Hulbert, and Lucas Pippin – all outfielders – are battling for a starting spot in right and left fields. Neuberger has worked extremely hard in the off season and has really improved. Tyler Harris, a first year player, has been working hard in developing his game," Coach Schneider said.

The team's one sophomore, Jacob Aubry, saw limited time on the varsity squad last year.



Doug Slater pitches for the GHS varsity baseball team at a recent practice.

"Aubry is an intelligent, steady infielder who will see a lot of action this season," Coach Schneider said.

"The team is blending together

nicely and working extremely hard," Coach Schneider said. "We are looking to improve over last season, and should with the attitude of this year's players."



Ethan Neuberger (left) and Andy Hulbert (right) swing at the hit stick during practice on Wednesday, March 21, at the GHS gym.



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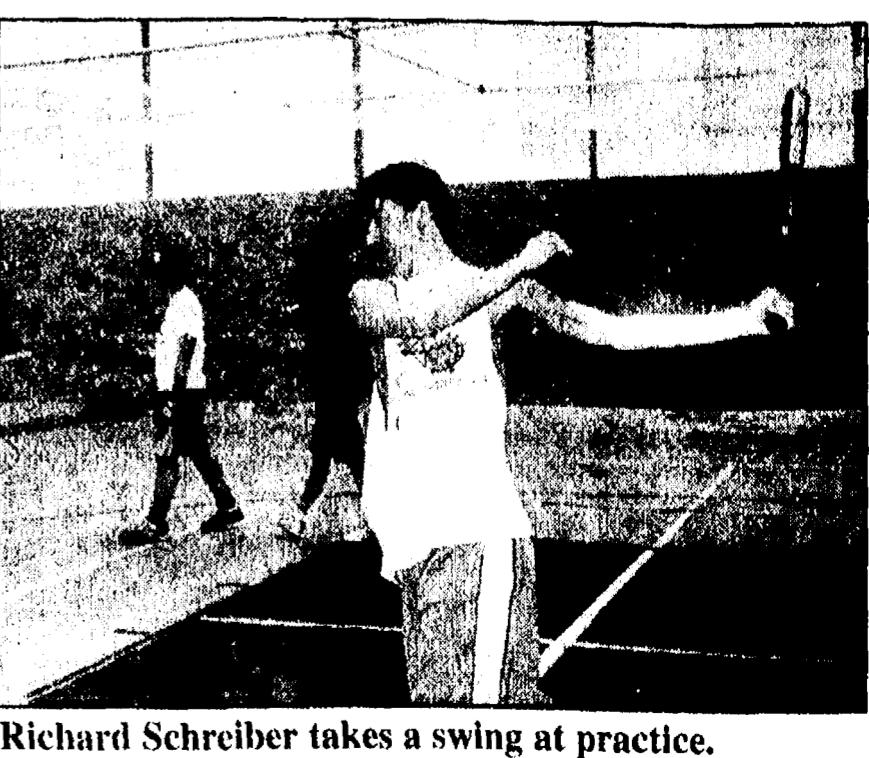
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Richard Schreiber takes a swing at practice.



Kristi Calkins (left), a junior, and Leigha Stevens (right), a sophomore, hit the ball at last Wednesday's varsity girls golf practice at Grayling High School.

Golf squad eyes second straight trip to state finals

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"We've got everyone coming back," said Coach Brian Banda. "We'll be good enough to compete with anyone this year, which will be nice. As long as things go like they should, we'll be back (in the state finals) again."

Coach Banda said a higher finish than last year's (11th) at the

state finals is within reach, since all five of the team's primary scorers now have experience at the state meet. Last year, "the teams that finished ahead of us, and the girls that finished ahead of ours had been there before," he said.

Banda said he hopes the leadership from the team's top two golfers - Calkins, a junior, and

Wheeler, a senior - will help the younger golfers on the team develop.

"Leadership will help the younger girls," Coach Banda said. "Our fourth and fifth girls will be the true test. That's the true test - if you can get four girls to golf on a consistent basis."

"We should win a few of the

tournaments we're in this year. We hope to finish in the top two at the Alma tournament. That will be a good test - some of the top teams in north and central Michigan will be there," Coach Banda said.

The team started practicing last week and will play its first meet on Tuesday, April 17, at 4 p.m. at Grayling Country Club.

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Alexis Elmy (left), a junior, and Monica Leslie (right), a senior, practice their swings on Wednesday, March 28.

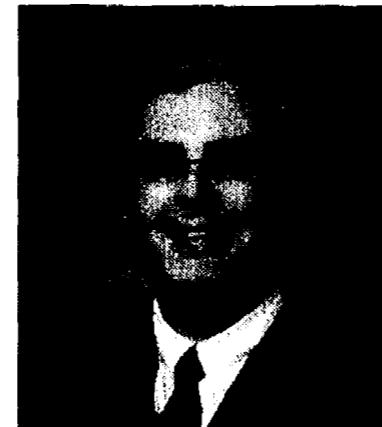


Chelsea Mott (above), a freshman, and Andrea Willoughby (below), a sophomore, swing during practice last week.



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Information regarding RHI medical transportation services can be obtained by contacting: Julee Dean at 348-8215

SPECIAL EVENT TRIPS * :

Scheduled For April 2007

Trip #1
Tuesday, April 10, 2007
Victories Casino, Petoskey
Departing Center at 8:30 a.m.

Trip #2
Tuesday, April 24, 2007
"Out to Lunch Gang" "Mystery Trip"
Lunch and shopping somewhere.
Departing the Center at 11:00 a.m.

Trip organized by the Crawford County Commission on Aging
Contact Eloise Mize @ 348-7123 to reserve a seat
*Special event trips require: (1) a minimum of twenty-two passengers; and (2) that passengers less than 18 years of age be accompanied by a responsible adult.

To reserve seats or request information concerning special event trips call Julee @ 348-8215

COMMUNITY EVENT SERVICES:

Service schedules may be modified to meet increased demand during special community events, such as the Milltown Festival.
To request information concerning expanded services call Richard @ 348-4101

Kirtland Community College

Workforce Development Training Calendar January – June 2007

Computer Classes			Management and Leadership Classes		
Course	Dates	Location	Course	Dates	Location
QuickBooks - Level 1 \$108	Jan. 15 Feb. 5 March 5 April 2	Gaylord Houghton Lake Gaylord Tawas	Leadership Styles \$103	Feb. 20 Feb. 22	Gaylord West Branch
QuickBooks - Level 2 \$108	Jan. 17 Feb. 7 March 7 April 4	Gaylord Houghton Lake Gaylord Tawas	Managing Conflict \$103	March 13 March 15	Gaylord West Branch
QuickBooks - Level 3 \$108	Jan. 19 Feb. 9 March 9 April 6	Gaylord Houghton Lake Gaylord Tawas	Building Effective Work Teams \$103	April 10 April 12	Gaylord West Branch
MS Excel - Levels 1 & 2 \$68 each level	Feb. 26 March 19 April 16 May 21	Gaylord West Branch Gaylord West Branch	Supervisory Problem Solving \$199	March 6&8 20&22	West Branch Gaylord
MS Excel - Levels 3 & 4 \$68 each level	Feb. 28 March 21 April 18 May 23	Gaylord West Branch Gaylord West Branch	Lean Manufacturing Basics \$199	March 7 March 21	West Branch Gaylord
MS Excel - Levels 5 & 6 \$68 each level	June 11 Jan. 30 Feb. 1 March 23 April 20 May 25 June 15	Gaylord West Branch West Branch West Branch West Branch West Branch West Branch	Employee Problem Solving \$199	March 20 & 22 March 6 & 8	West Branch West Branch
MS Word - Levels 1 & 2 \$68 each level	Jan. 23 & 25 Feb. 13 & 15 March 27&29 May 15 & 17	West Branch West Branch West Branch West Branch			
MS PowerPoint - Levels 1 & 2 \$68 each level	Jan. 23 & 25 Feb. 13 & 15 March 27&29 May 15 & 17	West Branch West Branch West Branch West Branch			

Job Skills Training		
Course	Dates	Location
Basic Shop Math \$156	March 8 & 9 Feb. 22 & 23	West Branch West Branch
Blueprint Reading \$156	Feb. 8 & 9 Jan. 25 & 26	West Branch West Branch
Geometric Dimensioning & Tolerancing \$156	April 19 & 20	West Branch
Employee Problem Solving \$199	March 20 & 22 March 6 & 8	West Branch West Branch

MOSHA Safety Training		
Course	Dates	Location
Record Keeping \$60	4/12/06	Gaylord

Contact: Mark McCullum - Director of Workforce Development
M-TECSM at Kirtland-Gaylord
60 Livingston Blvd., Gaylord, Michigan 49735
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4th annual martial arts tournament to be held in Grayling on April 13-14

■ Battle at the 45th Parallel to include Night Time Finals at GHS auditorium

The 4th Annual Battle at the 45th Parallel, an open martial arts tournament featuring hundreds of competitors and over 1,000 spectators, will be held at Grayling High School next week on Friday and Saturday, April 13-14.

The event, which is organized by New World Karate (NWK), a local martial arts school, had more than 500 competitors last year and about 1,400 spectators total throughout the two-day tournament. NWK is expecting similar numbers for the 2007 event.

"With the economy the way it

is in Michigan, we're expecting about 1,200 spectators and 450 to 500 competitors," said Larry Burns of NWK. "I'm sure we'll have a gym-full like last year."

The 4th Annual Battle at the 45th Parallel will start on Friday, April 13, at 5 p.m. with the following divisions: weapons, breaking, continuous sparring, self-defense, and team sparring.

On Saturday, starting at 10 a.m., the tournament will feature traditional forms, open forms, and point sparring.

The tournament will move to the GHS auditorium on Saturday evening with the Night Time Finals - a new feature added to the Battle at the 45th Parallel last year. The Night Time Finals start at 6:30 p.m. and will feature the

top competitors in most of the blackbelt divisions dueling on stage to determine division champions. Events that will be showcased at the finals will include breaking, self-defense, weapons, and sparring.

Tickets for the Saturday night finals are \$5 (general admission) or \$10 (VIP seating). Tickets will be available at the event.

After the Night Time Finals, the event will host a teen dance for competitors and people from the general public (ages 13-20) at the Grayling Holiday Inn from 8 p.m. to 12 midnight. Admission fee is \$5.

For more on the Battle at the 45th Parallel, contact NWK at 344-6083 or visit the school's website: www.teamnwk.com.



Photo courtesy of www.teamnwk.com

The Battle at the 45th Parallel will feature competitors of all ages.

BOWLING LEAGUE

National First

Faustman Insurance 71 - 20
Continental Rental 50 - 41
Upper Lakes 46 - 45
Scott Pittman Bld. 45 - 46
Great Lakes Mort. 45 - 46
J-Bar 43 - 48
Corky's Karaoke 35 - 56
Legion Lanes 29 - 62
High Series: J. Hunt, 737; D. Walker, 629; and D. Canfield, 627. High Game: J. Hunt, 266 and 246; and D. Walker, 248.

Senior Bowling

Grayling Pharmacy 86 - 26
Flowers By Josie 65 - 47
Gaylord Electric 59.5 - 52.5
Kickin Grass 54 - 58
Bear's Den Pizza 53 - 59
Sylvester's 49 - 63
Spike's 45.5 - 66.5
Lone Pine 36 - 72
High Series Women: C. Clark, 493; M. Rysso, 471; N. Glasslee, 450. High Game Women: N. Glasslee, 177; H. Stairs, 169; C. Clark, 167. High Series Men: P. Faustman, 568; A. Smith, 552;

Pioneer League

McDonald's 33 - 7

Grayling Rest 26 - 14

Cal Dutton Const. 22 - 18

"5" B's 21 - 19

T. C. Lawncare 20 - 20

Tim's Collision 16 - 24

G.B.D. Const. 13 - 27

Spicy Bob's 9 - 31

High Series: L. Golnick, 557; J. Cousins, 527; and L. Rutter, 512.

High Game: J. Cousins, 227; L. Rutter, 195; and M. Rock, 194.

American Men's League

McLeans ACE 29 - 13

Scheer Motors 25 - 17

Westside Diner 23 - 19

Grayling Chiropractic 23 - 19

GADCO 22 - 20

Fenton's Auto Serv. 19 - 23

Moore's Auto 16 - 26

Derwich Ind 11 - 31

High Series: Larry Davis, 617;

B. Harris, 607; and D. Henning,

601. High Game: Lance Davis, 251; Larry Davis, 249; and B. Harris, 246.

Recreation League

American Legion 40 - 16
Hawk Ridge Golf 31.5 - 24.5
Grayling Housing 30.5 - 25.5
Mickey Perez CPA 27 - 29
Days Inn 24 - 32
Gale Enterprises 24 - 32
Glen's Market 24 - 32
Woody Girls 23 - 33
High Series: N. Glasslee, 516; S. Johnson, 510; M. Starks, 492. High Game: R. Norton, 201; S. Johnson, 193; T. Harney, 190.

Northwood League

Bud Lite Babes 33.5 - 18.5
Preston Heating 32 - 20
Choppers Spare 30 - 22
Riverland Rowdies 29 - 23
Pro Paint Princesses 23.5 - 28.5
High Series: D. Steffes, 501; T. Rock, 492; and C. Osborne, 478. High Game: C. Moore, 200; D. Steffes, 180; and T. Hellebuyck, 178.



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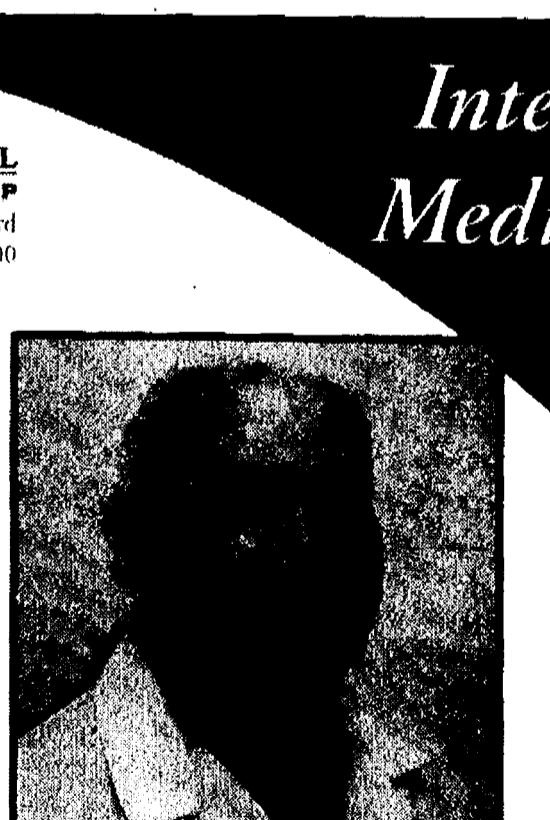
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Local runners win annual Clare race



Nathan "Moses" Peters (left) and Jason Drudge (right), both of Grayling, recently placed first overall in the annual Clare St. Patrick's Day Road Race's 10K and 5K divisions, respectively. Peters won the 10K race with a final time of 32:16 and Drudge finished first in the 5K event with a time of 17:06. Peters and Drudge are members of the Grayling High School track and field team, which opens its 2007 season with a meet at GHS on Monday, April 16, at 4 p.m.

LEGAL ACTION

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Robert M. Dent, a single man, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated December 5, 2001, and recorded on December 21, 2001 in Liber 564 on Page 309, and rerecorded on May 12, 2003 in Liber 633 on Page 210, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Eight Thousand Forty And 66/100 Dollars (\$78,040.66), including interest at 7.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on April 25, 2007.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 26, Grayling Manor, According to the REcorded Plat Thereof, as REcorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 10, Crawford County Records

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 22, 2007
For more information, please call:
FC X 248.593.1302
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #080629F03

-22-29-5-12

GRAYLING TOWNSHIP BOARD Special Meeting February 27, 2007

Members Present: Dennis Long, Ruth O'Mara, Monica Ashton, Terry Wright

Members Absent: Shawn Krays

Others Present: Ed Holcamp; Beaver Creek, Nicole Devriendt; KCC Intern, William Parker; Attorney for MTTP.

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Wright at 10:00 a.m. The purpose of the meeting is discussion of pending litigation and the need for formation of a Fire Board of Appeals.

Motion by Long, second by Ashton, to recess special meeting and go into executive session regarding pending litigation. Ayes; four, Nays; none, Absent; one, Motion carried.

Consensus that all present could attend the executive session but were cautioned that matters discussed were confidential outside this meeting.

Motion by Long, second by O'Mara, to close executive session and return to regular session. (11:00 a.m.) Ayes; four,

Nays; none, Absent; one. Motion carried.

Motion by Long, second by O'Mara, instructing the Supervisor to make arrangements for establishing a Fire Board of Appeals concurrent with the Fire Code. Establishment costs not to exceed \$500.00, with the appellant bearing the cost for convening of the Fire Board of Appeals on an established fee basis. Ayes; four, Nays; none, Absent; one.

Monica Ashton, C.M.C.
Grayling Township Clerk

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Murray Babbitt and Polly Babbitt, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Household Finance Corporation III, Mortgagee, dated April 16, 2004, and recorded on April 20, 2004, in Liber 667 on Page 677, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Four Thousand Three Hundred Sixty And 93/100 Dollars (\$74,360.93), including interest at 6.984% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on April 25, 2007.

*Said premises are situated in Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot No. 7, Block 5, Brown and Johnson's Addition to the Village of Frederic, according to the recorded Plat thereof.

Lots No. 8 and 9 of Block 5, Brown and Johnson Addition to the Village of Frederic, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 21, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 22, 2007
For more information, please call:
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Thomas R. Buckalew, his wife, and Kimberly Buckalew, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to First Chicago NBD Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated May 14, 2001, and recorded on July 24, 2001 in Liber 0543 on Page 563, and assigned by said Mortgagee to U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement, dated as of November 1, 2003, among Credit-Based

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Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15, Block 13, of Portage Heights, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 23, Crawford County Records.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on April 25, 2007.

Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Beginning at the Northeast corner of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4, Section 35, Town 25 North, Range 2 West; thence South 20 Rods; thence West 8 Rods; thence North 20 rods; thence East 8 Rods to the Point of Beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: April 5, 2007
For more information, please call:
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File #063537F03

-5-12-19-26

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Dorothy Fryer, a single person, original mortgagor(s), to Bank One, N.A., Mortgagee, dated July 7, 2003, and recorded on August 29, 2003 in Liber 649 on Page 548, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eleven Thousand Five Hundred Sixty-One And 41/100 Dollars (\$11,561.41), including interest at 6.1% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on May 9, 2007.

Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The South half (S 1/2) of Lot 35 of McNamara's Valley No. 2, as per the recorded plat thereof.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: April 5, 2007
For more information, please call:
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Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #136518F01

-5-12-19-26

STATE OF MICHIGAN 46TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT JUDICIAL DISTRICT JUDICIAL CIRCUIT ORDER FOR ALTERNATE SERVICE

CASE NO. 06-4125-GC-1
200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, Michigan 49738 989-348-2841
Our File No. E-12035

Plaintiff name
Atlantic Credit & Finance Inc.
Assignee from Household Bank

Plaintiff attorney
Timothy E. Baxter P28045
TIMOTHY E. BAXTER & ASSOCIATES
P.O. Box 2669
Farmington Hills, MI 48333
248 553-1155

v
Defendant
Bonnie S. Rowland
4649 S. Staley Lake Rd
Grayling, MI 49738

THE COURT FINDS:
1. Service of process upon defendant Bonnie S. Rowland cannot reasonably be made as provided in MCR 2.105, and service of process may be made in a manner which is reasonably calculated to give defendant actual notice of the proceedings and an opportunity to be heard.

IT IS ORDERED:
2. Service of the summons and complaint and a copy of this order may be made by the following method:

d. Publication pursuant to Court Rule MCR 2.105(D)(1)(2).

3. For each method used proof of service must be filed promptly with the court.

Filed March 6, 2007
Honorable Monte J. Burmeister
P48732

-22-29-5-12

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Sheri Marie West, a married woman and Randall Keith West, her husband and Edward J. Walker, a single man, original mortgagor(s), to First Chicago NBD Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated June 2, 1999, and recorded on June 15, 1999 in Liber 484 on Page 01, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Five Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy-Eight

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CRAWFORD COUNTY HOUSING COMMISSION VACANCY

THE CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ARE PRESENTLY ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR A VACANCY ON THE HOUSING COMMISSION.

APPLICANTS ARE TO HAVE A GENUINE INTEREST IN THE HOUSING STOCK FOR CRAWFORD COUNTY AND PARTICIPATE IN THE MANY DECISIONS WHICH TAKE PLACE AT MONTHLY MEETINGS. APPLICATIONS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM AND SUBMITTED TO COUNTY CLERK SANDRA MOORE BY MONDAY, APRIL 16, 2007 AT 11:00 A.M. OR MAY BE OBTAINED ON LINE THRU www.crawfordco.org AND RETURNED TO CRAWFORD COUNTY CLERK 200 W. MICHIGAN AVENUE, GRAYLING, MI 49738.

SANDRA MOORE, COUNTY CLERK
APRIL 2, 2007

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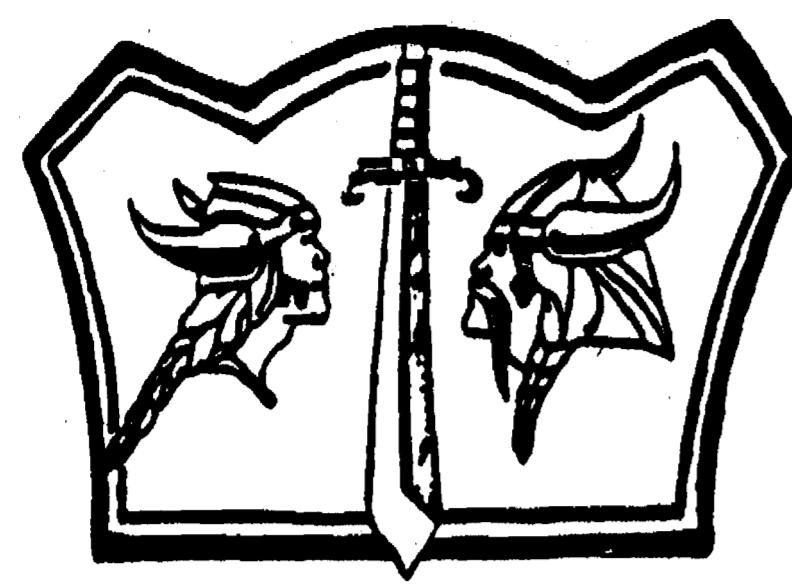
Great Lakes Mortgage

Grayling Youth Booster Club

The Medicine Shoppe

Hart Pontiac GMC Buick

Jansen Insurance Agency



2007 SPRING SPORTS CALENDAR

Grayling Schools Sports Schedules



Varsity Baseball

Day	Date	Opponent	H/A	Event	Bus
				Time	Time
Tuesday	April 10, 2007	Cadillac	A	4:00	2:15
Thursday	April 12, 2007	Roscommon	H	4:00	
Saturday	April 14, 2007	Kingsley Invitational	A	9:00	TBA
Tuesday	April 17, 2007	Elk Rapids	A	4:30	2:45
Friday	April 20, 2007	Kalkaska	H	4:30	
Tuesday	April 24, 2007	Boyne City	A	4:30	2:45
Thursday	April 26, 2007	Gaylord	H	4:00	
Saturday	April 28, 2007	Standish Sterling Tournament	A	TBA	TBA
Tuesday	May 1, 2007	East Jordan	H	4:30	
Thursday	May 3, 2007	Tawas	H	4:00	
Wednesday	May 9, 2007	Harbor Springs	A	4:30	2:00
Friday	May 11, 2007	Houghton Lake	A	4:00	2:45
Tuesday	May 14, 2007	Traverse City St. Francis	H	4:30	
Monday	May 22, 2007	Charlevoix	H	4:30	
Friday	May 25, 2007	League Make-up Day	TBA	TBA	TBA
Tuesday	May 29, 2007	Cadillac	H	4:00	
Saturday	June 2, 2007	Districts @ Benzie Central	A	TBA	TBA
Saturday	June 9, 2007	Regionals	TBA	TBA	TBA

Junior Varsity Baseball

Day	Date	Opponent	H/A	Event	Bus
				Time	Time
Tuesday	April 10, 2007	Cadillac	H	4:00	
Wednesday	April 11, 2007	Ogemaw Heights	A	4:00	2:30
Thursday	April 12, 2007	Roscommon	H	4:00	3:00
Tuesday	April 17, 2007	Elk Rapids	A	4:30	
Friday	April 20, 2007	Kalkaska	H	4:30	3:30
Tuesday	April 24, 2007	Boyne City	A	4:30	
Thursday	April 26, 2007	Gaylord	H	4:00	2:30
Tuesday	May 1, 2007	East Jordan	A	4:30	2:00
Thursday	May 3, 2007	Tawas	H	4:00	1:30
Wednesday	May 9, 2007	Harbor Springs	H	4:30	
Friday	May 11, 2007	Houghton Lake	A	4:00	
Monday	May 14, 2007	Traverse City St. Francis	H	4:30	2:45
Wednesday	May 16, 2007	Ogemaw Heights	A	4:00	
Tuesday	May 22, 2007	Charlevoix	H	4:30	2:30
Thursday	May 24, 2007	Alpena	H	4:00	
Tuesday	May 29, 2007	Cadillac	A	4:00	2:00

Boys Tennis

Day	Date	Opponent	H/A	Event	Bus
				Time	Time
Friday	April 13, 2007	TC Christian	H	4:00	
Tuesday	April 17, 2007	Elk Rapids	A	4:00	2:15
Thursday	April 19, 2007	Boyne City	H	4:00	
Friday	April 20, 2007	Charlevoix	H	4:00	
Monday	April 23, 2007	TC St. Francis	H	4:00	
Thursday	April 26, 2007	Charlevoix	A	4:00	2:00
Friday	April 27, 2007	Harbor Springs	H	4:00	
Tuesday	May 1, 2007	Boyne Invitational @ Petoskey High	A	9:00	7:00
Thursday	May 3, 2007	Elk Rapids	H	4:00	
Friday	May 4, 2007	TC St. Francis	A	4:00	2:30
Monday	May 11, 2007	Alpena	A	4:00	1:30
Wednesday	May 16, 2007	LMC Championship	A	10:00	TBA
Thursday	May 17 - 18	Petoskey Regionals @ Traverse City	A	4:00	TBA

Girls Golf

Day	Date	Opponent	H/A	Event	Bus
				Time	Time
Tuesday	April 17, 2007	Petoskey/Roscommon	H	4:00	
Friday	April 20, 2007	T.C. St. Francis @ Crown or Elmwood	A	4:00	2:00
Monday	April 23, 2007	Hillman Invitational @ Thunder Bay	A	9:00	7:15
Friday	April 27, 2007	Alma Panther Classic @ Pine River C.C.	A	10:00	7:45
Tuesday	May 1, 2007	Roscommon/T.C. St. Francis @ Fox Run	A	4:00	3:15
Thursday	May 3, 2007	Petoskey Tournament @ The Moor	A	10:00	8:00
Monday	May 7, 2007	Big Rapids	A	4:00	2:00
Tuesday	May 8, 2007	Traverse City West/Alpena	H	4:00	
Wednesday	May 9, 2007	Big Rapids	H	4:00	
Monday	May 14, 2007	Cheboygan Invitational	A	10:00	8:00
Thursday	May 17-21	Regionals @ Morley Stanwood Palcon Head	TBA	TBA	TBA

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Varsity Track

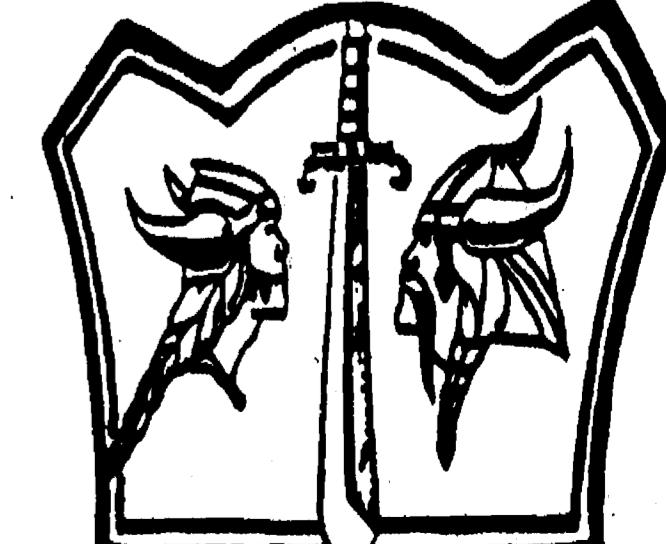
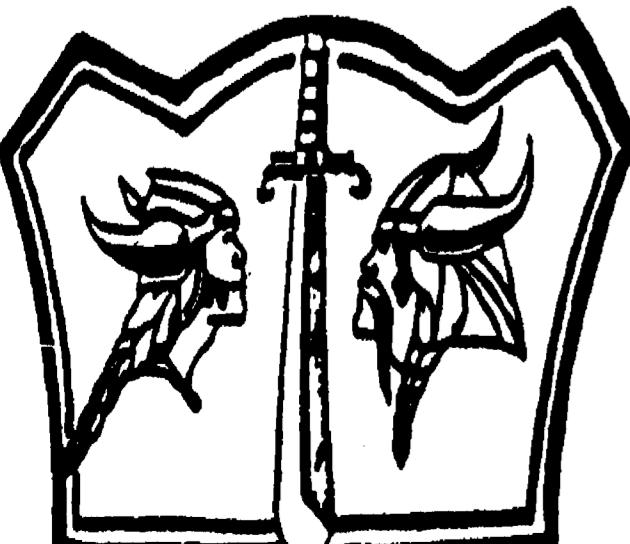
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				Time	Time
Monday	April 16, 2007	Charlevoix/East Jordan/Kalkaska	H	4:00	
Monday	April 23, 2007	East Jordan/TCSF/Kalkaska	A	4:00	2:00
Friday	April 27, 2007	Garner Relays @ Harrison	A	3:00	1:00
Monday	April 30, 2007	Houghton Lake/Coleman	A	4:30	3:30
Friday	May 4, 2007	Gaylord Relays	A	3:00	2:00
Monday	May 7, 2007	Elk Rapids/East Jordan/Harbor Springs	A	4:00	2:00
Thursday	May 10, 2007	East Jordan Invitational	A	3:00	1:00
Tuesday	May 15, 2007	Petoskey Relays	A	4:00	2:00
Monday	May 19, 2007	Regionals @ East Jordan	A	TBA	TBA
Wednesday	May 23, 2007	LMC Championship @ Kalkaska	A	3:00	2:00
Tuesday	May 29, 2007	Meet of Champions @ Roscommon	A	TBA	TBA

Middle School Track

Day	Date	Opponent	H/A	Event	Bus
				Time	Time
Thursday	April 19, 2007	League meet @ Kalkaska	A	4:00	2:45
Thursday	April 26, 2007	League meet	H	4:00	
Friday	April 27, 2007	Houghton Lake/Resorter	A	4:00	2:45
Tuesday	May 1, 2007	Gaylord Relays	A	3:00	1:45
Thursday	May 3, 2007	League @ Elk Rapids	A	4:00	2:15
Wednesday	May 9, 2007	LMC Championship @ East Jordan	A	3:00	1:15
Thursday	May 17, 2007				

Underline denotes site of away meet

Good Luck Vikings



LEGAL ACTION

PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Grayling amended its Zoning Ordinance by ordaining the following changes:

1. Implemented language required by Public Act 110 of 2006, most notably, standardizing all required zoning public notices for meetings to at least 15 days beforehand.
2. Created an expiration date for zoning permits by giving the applicant one year to commence with the activity permitted by the zoning permit.

A copy of the amendments are on file with the City Clerk. These amendments become effective ten days after this publication.

Michele Moshier,
City Clerk

GRAYLING TOWNSHIP BOARD

Regular Meeting March 14, 2007

Members Present: Dennis Long, Ruth O'Mara, Monica Ashton, Terry Wright

Members Absent: Shawn Krays

Others Present: Nathan Pickell, Jim Pickell, Steve Eddy, Dave Stephenson, Diane Stephenson, Ed Holtcamp.

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Wright at 7:00 p.m.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Correspondence and Reports: (No action required)

January Recycling Report, Blight Enforcement Report, E-911 Activity Report, February COA Newsletter, Chamber News. Sheriff Dept 2006 Year End Report.

1. Motion by Long, second by O'Mara, to approve the minutes of February 14, 2007, with clarification of Item 5-C. Add: Support use of ORV's on recreational forest land. Ayes; four, Nays; none, Absent; one. Motion carried. (See Attachment "D")

2. Treasurer's Report for February was distributed and placed on file.

3. Dave Stephenson, concerned citizen and representative of AJD Forest Products, expressed concern over the stance the Grayling Township Board took at its last meeting regarding clear cutting practices in this Township. Michigan Forest Product Counsel is questioning the reasoning. Concerned it is bad for the forest product industry, which is a major employer of this area.

Board response: We are not suing the DNR but are hoping to find ways to adjust the clear cutting practices so as not to severely effect recreational and highly visible areas of the community. Concern is with current clear cutting practices not forest management. Have contacted the N. Lower Michigan Economic Regional Development Counsel for assistance, also, Representative Joel Sheltrown, Chair of the House Tourism, Outdoor Recreation and Natural Resources Committee as well as other interested parties.

4. Motion by Long, second by O'Mara, to adopt Rules and Procedures for Township of Grayling Board of Appeals for the Fire Prevention Code contingent upon legal counsel approval. Ayes; four, Nays; none, Absent; one. Motion carried. (See Attachment "A")

5. Motion by Long, second by O'Mara, to adopt Township of Grayling Board of Appeals for the Fire Prevention Code Application and Instructions contingent upon legal counsel approval. Ayes; four, Nays; none, Absent; one. Motion carried. (See Attachment "B")

6. Motion by O'Mara, second by Ashton, to adopt resolution approving initial appointments to the Grayling Township Board of Appeals for the Fire Prevention Code as follows: Richard Skendzel, AIA; James Edmondson, PE; William Sedlacek, Fire Chief; Dale Stevens, RCO; Steven Eddy, Fire Inspector (Non voting ex-officio). Ayes; three, Nays; Long, Absent; one. Motion carried. (See Attachment "C")

7. Discussion on proposed Crawford County Ambulance Ordinance, which will be held on the County Board of

Commissioners March 21, 2007 agenda. 8. Motion by Long, second by Ashton, to adopt Grayling Township Ordinance 2007-1 Township Property Rules and Regulations as prepared by the Grayling Township Planning Commission. The Ordinance will take effect thirty days after publication in the Crawford County Avalanche. Ayes; four, Nays; none, Absent; one. Motion carried. (See Attachment "D")

9. Letter of apology, from the Crawford County Road Comm. and revised invoice correcting errors in the final project amounts of \$38,504.41 due to the Road Comm. for Margrethe Boulevard and \$1,113.78 due to the Road Comm. for Ole Dam Road. Motion by Long, second by O'Mara, to pay the unexpected invoice when Township Improvement Certificate of Deposit matures and funds become available. Ayes; four, Nays; none, Absent; one. Motion carried.

10. Motion by Long, second by Ashton, to contribute \$200.00 to the 2007 AuSable River Parade Fund, which will increase to \$300.00 if the City of Grayling will match the contribution. Ayes; four, Nays; none, Absent; one. Motion carried.

11. Consensus of Board to authorize and independent real estate appraisal on the Ole Fire Barn next to the Michigan State Police Crime Lab.

12. Motion by Long, second by O'Mara, to approve payment of claims on vouchers 5170-5172, 5199 thru 5234, Bd. and Comm. fees of \$695.00, Liquor permits of \$120.00 for grand total of \$37,328.10. Ayes; four, Nays; none, Absent; one. Motion carried.

13. Motion to adjourn by Long, carried at 8:40 p.m.

Monica Ashton, C.M.C.
Grayling Township Clerk

MORTGAGE SALE

AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NOTIFY US AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Alice L. Duby, a single woman, Mortgagors, to GreenPoint Credit, LLC, Mortgagor, dated the 26th day of July, 1999 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan, on the 19th day of August, 1999 in Liber 488 of Crawford County Records, page 618, said Mortgage having been assigned to Green Tree Servicing, LLC f/k/a GreenPoint Credit, LLC, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of Eighty Four Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty Three & 81/100 (\$84,963.81), and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 18th day of April, 2007 at 10:00 o'clock a.m. Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front door to the County Bldg. in Grayling MI (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid on said mortgage, with interest

thereon at 9.25% per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land, including any and all structures, and homes, manufactured or otherwise, located thereon, situated in the Township of Lovells, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit:

Parcel A-2: Part of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 20, Town 28 North, Range 1 West, described as: Commencing at the West one-quarter corner of said Section; thence South 01 degrees 43'00" West along the West line of said Section 663.66 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence South 87 degrees 51'55" East 869.94 feet; thence South 01 degrees 29'23" West parallel with the West one-eighth line of said section 583.49 feet; thence North 87 degrees 42'00" West parallel with the South one-eighth line of said Section 872.27 feet to the West line of said Section; thence North 01 degrees 43'00" feet, along said West line; 581.7 feet to the Point of Beginning. Subject to a 25 foot wide ingress and egress easement for the installment and maintenance of public and private utilities. Said easement lying 12.5 feet on each said of and adjacent to the centerline of which is described as: Commencing at the West one-quarter corner of Section 20, Town 28N, Range 1 West, thence South 88 degrees 01'02" East, along the East-West one-quarter line of said Section, 12.5 feet to the Point of Beginning of said 25 foot wide easement; thence South 01 degrees 43'00" West parallel with the West line of said Section, 663.66 feet to the point of ending of centerline of said 25 foot easement.

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Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 4, Block 24, Roffe's Addition to the City of Grayling, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 11, Crawford County Records.

Commonly known as 706 Park St, Grayling MI 49738

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later.

Dated: MARCH 22, 2007 U.S. Bank National Association as Trustee under Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated as of November 1, 2006 MASTR Asset Backed Securities, Trust 2006-HE4 Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates Series 2006-HE4,

Assignee of Mortgagor
Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C.
811 South Blvd. Suite 100
Rochester Hills, MI 48307
(248) 844-5123
Our File No: 07-67189

-29-5-12-19

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Donna Keene and Debra Keene, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated November 22, 2000, and recorded on December 1, 2000 in Liber 523 on Page 531, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Countrywide Home Loans, Inc. as assignee by an assignment in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Four Thousand Three Hundred Fifty-Four And 75/100 Dollars (\$74,354.75), including interest at 10.375% per annum.

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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the front door of the County Bldg. in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on April 18, 2007.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 1, Block 3, Karen Woods Subdivision, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 44, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 15, 2007
For more information, please call:
FC X 248.593.1302
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #089469F07

-15-22-29-5

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by:

Tammie M. Ledesma, A Single Woman

to

Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. solely as nominee for Interval Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagor, dated August 10, 2006 and recorded August 15, 2006 in Liber 682 Page 799 Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was subsequently assigned to U.S. Bank National Association as Trustee under Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated as of November 1, 2006 MASTR Asset Backed Securities, Trust 2006-HE4 Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates Series 2006-HE4, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Six Thousand Six Hundred Eighty-Five Dollars and Forty-Eight Cents (\$56,685.48) including interest 10.34% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the front door to the County Bldg. in Grayling, MI at 10:00AM on Wednesday, May 2, 2007.

Dated: March 15, 2007
For more information, please call:
FC X 248.593.1302

Trott & Trott, P.C.

Attorneys For Servicer
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200

Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Crawford County Road Commission will receive sealed bids until 9:30 a.m. (for a bid opening during the regular Board meeting starting at 10:00 a.m.) on Thursday, April 19, 2007, at their Grayling office located at 500 Huron Street, P.O. Box 648, Grayling, MI 49738-0648, for furnishing the following:

- 1) 3-Cyd Front End Loader
- 1) 4-Cyd Front End Loader

It is the desire of the Crawford County Road Commission to acquire the equipment by utilizing the bidders lease program. Length of lease shall be Five (5) years.

Individual specifications may be obtained by contacting the Crawford County Road Commission at the above address. Bids must be sealed in separate envelopes and clearly marked as "3-Cyd Front End Loader" or "4-Cyd Front End Loader".

The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive informalities in the bids and to award the bid deemed to be in the best interest of Crawford County.

Board of Crawford County Road Commissioners

Ken Riehle,
John Hartman,
Jim Burch,

Chairman
Vice-Chairman
Commissioner

PUBLIC NOTICE

MICHIGAN ARMY NATIONAL GUARD INVITATION TO COMMENT ON THE DRAFT PROPOSED MULTIPLE LAUNCH ROCKET SYSTEM FIRING ON CAMP GRAYLING MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT LANDS

The Michigan Army National Guard (MIANG) is proposing to fire the Multiple Launch Rocket System (MLRS) from Michigan Department of Natural Resources management agreement lands located in Kalkaska County until May of 2014. The current land use management agreement signed in 2004 allows limited military training on nearly 47,000 acres of state owned lands. The Proposed Action would allow firing of the Multiple Launch Rocket System (MLRS) from state lands located southwest of the City of Grayling in Section 19 of Garfield East Township, Kalkaska County into the "fenced-in" Range 13 impact area located in Beaver Creek West Township, Crawford County.

In addition to the Proposed Action, the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) evaluates the No-Action Alternative which would not allow firing of the MLRS on nearly 47,000 acres of management agreement lands currently available for limited training. MLRS training would continue on North Post lands located near the Range 30 Complex under either alternative.

Safety and noise concerns were raised by the public during the comment review of the 2004 EA regarding extension of the original 1984 land use agreement. That EA included a proposal to fire MLRS on management agreement lands. The decision to fire the MLRS on agreement lands was postponed at that time and the alternative to "Extend the Current Management Agreement to 2014 with No Modifications" was selected. Further research was completed to address these issues and the MIANG is proposing to fire MLRS on current management agreement lands.

An analysis of the environmental impacts of these proposed actions is presented in a Draft EA, which is available for public review and comment. Copies of the Draft EA have been mailed to individuals that participated in the EA process as well as federal, state, and local agencies; interested organizations and agencies; and public libraries. Copies may be reviewed at the Camp Grayling Environmental Office, Building 30, Camp Grayling, MI 49739, during normal business hours, and at the Crawford County Library, 201 Plum St., Grayling, MI 49738. Library hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Mon. -Fri.; and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Sat. This assessment will be available for review for 15 days starting April 5, 2007. Written public comment concerning this proposal is invited.

Comments must be received no later than April 20, 2007 and addressed to Michigan Army National

FEATURES

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE



April 5, 1984 - Crawford County Commissioner Chairperson Jeanette Kitchen and Department of Social Services Board member Don Geiss presented Maureen McNamara (center) with a certificate of appreciation for her work on the DSS board for nearly nine years.

23 Years Ago
April 5, 1984

Grayling Mercy Hospital laid off 30 employees last Friday for an indefinite period. Sister Mary Ellen Howard, administrator, said "We had hoped to avoid layoffs, but due to the continuing low census and unsuccessful attempts to cut expenses, we simply had no other choice."

With this year's ski season being shortened by Mother Nature by about five weeks, Hanson Park has found itself, for the second year in a row, ending the season with a financial deficit. Park officials were confident ear-

lier in the season that this would be a good year financially for the park, but with the warm weather early in Feb., the ski traffic and the incomes it provides dwindled away very rapidly. In an effort to make up some of the lost revenue, Hanson Park will host a Las Vegas Night.

Donna Lowe, director for programs for the Saginaw Bay Chapter of the March of Dimes, presented Mike Zavasky and Sara Bobenmoyer awards and medals for being the top readers from Grayling Elementary in the March of Dimes Reading Olympics. Sara read 100 books

and Mike raised \$110. Winning awards from Frederic Elementary were Patty Timmons and Beth Bobenmoyer. Beth read 100 books and Patty raised \$23.

Nearly 1,400 persons toured the Artrain Saturday and Sunday as it opened its stay in Grayling. Along with regular Artrain exhibits, local artists including Bernie Dosch were featured in one car displaying their handi-crafts and talent.

46 Years Ago

April 6, 1961

An upset occurred in the battle for City of Grayling Council posts when incumbent Leonard H. Knibbs ran third in a four way race for two seats. Elected were Dr. Ralph Hoffman and Larry McNamara.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hull, owners and operators of the Triangle Motel for the past seven years, have sold the motel to Mr. and Mrs. John M. Baker, formerly of Royal Oak. The Baker's plan to continue the business under the same name, the Triangle Motel.

The Viking basketball statistics for the 1960-61 year players total points; Gross with 335; T. Neal, 171; S. Neal, 143; Robertson, 110; Wright, 87; Sorenson, 66; Carlson, 16; Marshall, 6; Stewart, 2; File, 1; and Roberts, 1. Total Grayling points were 791.

The Frederic Eagles basketball team posted their 1960-61 stats, per player they were, Smith, 177; Redman, 218; Mertes, 193; Gabriel, 66; Pratt, 70; Wilson, 78; Midkiff, 39; Armstrong, 30; Thompson, 30; Rouse, 23; Allen,

3; Barber, 5; E. Weaver, 2; and Harmer, 10.

There was a very good turnout Wednesday evening of last week at the meeting of the Republican women at the County Courthouse. Officers elected were President, Mrs. Minnie Hartley; Vice-President, Mrs. Olin Williamson; Secretary, Mrs. Howard Day; Treasurer, Mrs. Robert Lovell; Finance, Mrs. Russell Carlson; and Chaplain, Mrs. Earl Burns.

69 Years Ago

April 7, 1938

The Danish parsonage has been redecorated on the interior, and some remodeling done for the new minister and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. C. Stockholm, who are expected from Cozad, Nev., sometime this week.

The Harlem Globetrotters, who were scheduled to play in Grayling Wednesday, failed to keep the date. A wire received from the team said that they had been losing money on the tour and were cancelling all games.

92 Years Ago

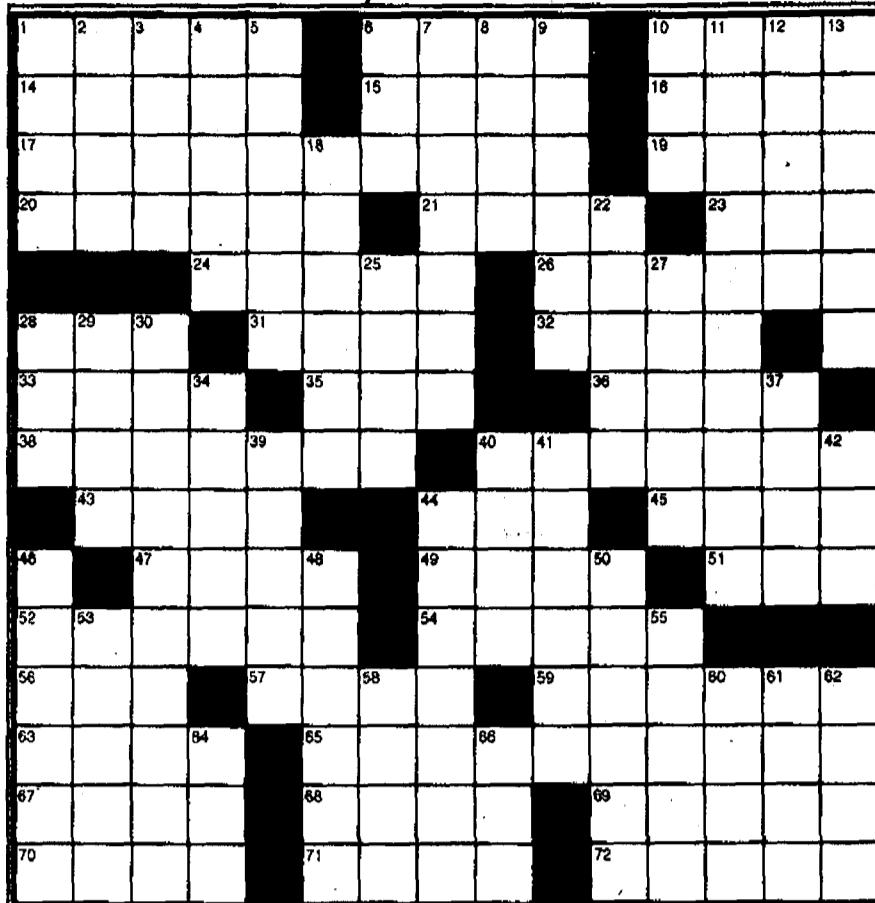
April 8, 1915

The Kerry and Hanson Flooring Mill was closed for a few days repairs.

A team belonging to Jens Eilerson became frightened and ran away. Little damage was done other than breaking the wagon tongue and scattering cedar posts along the principal streets of the village.

Henry Mapes is driving a Ford car which he purchased last week.

CROSSWORD



Across

1. Leisurely walk.
6. Utterance made by exhaling audibly.
10. Large burrowing rodent of South America and Central America.
14. Light saddle horse of mixed breed developed in Australia.
15. Joint between the femur and tibia in a quadruped.
18. Savage, co-host of Mythbusters.
17. Avoiding waste.
19. Back of a bird's head between the crown and the hind neck.
20. Come to a decision about something.
21. Personification of the rainbow and messenger of the gods.
23. Force of workers available.
24. Connected series.
26. Metaphorically from a lower to a higher position.
28. Exclamation of surprise.
31. Eat the main meal of the day.
32. Manner.
33. Gymnastic apparatus consisting of two parallel wooden bars supported on uprights.
35. El Campeador, Rodrigo Diaz de Vivar.
36. Album by Slovenian Industrial / Techno group Laibach.
38. Plot subordinate to the main plot of a literary work.
40. Ride in a car taken solely for pleasure.
43. Stead.
44. Dull grayish brown; dust-colored.
45. Rectangular piece of stiff paper used to send messages.
49. Town in the Netherlands.
51. Rather than.
52. Bay on the Mediterranean Sea in northern Egypt.
54. Name of a hovercraft in the Matrix films.
56. Babylonian god of the earth.
57. Small cubes with 1 to 6 spots on the faces.
58. Town in the Netherlands.
59. Rather than.
60. Bay on the Mediterranean Sea in northern Egypt.
61. Album by Slovenian Industrial / Techno group Laibach.
62. Dr. John..., founder of epidemiology.
63. Fragmented rocks usually found at the base of a cliff.
64. Richard..., actor.
65. Pertaining to the art of healing or treating the diseases of domestic animals.
67. Ceremonial act prescribed in religious or other solemn use.
68. Richard..., actor.
69. Sport adapted from Ju-jitsu.
70. Literary term for an ocean.
71. Frederick..., baritone.
72. Robbery at gunpoint.

ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

RECIPE OF THE WEEK



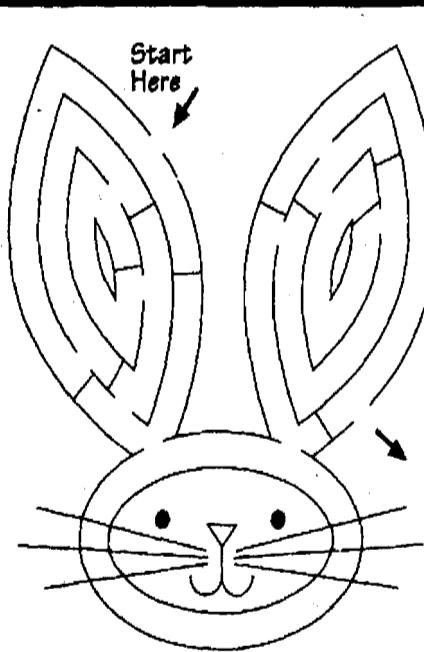
Caramel Banana Pecan Hotcakes

1/2 cup	vanilla pudding	1	banana sliced into 1/2" thick slices
1/2 cup	cream cheese	1	Caramel sauce
2 servings	hotcake batter mix	1	1/2 cup powdered sugar
1/2 cup	honey toasted pecans	1	Whipped topping

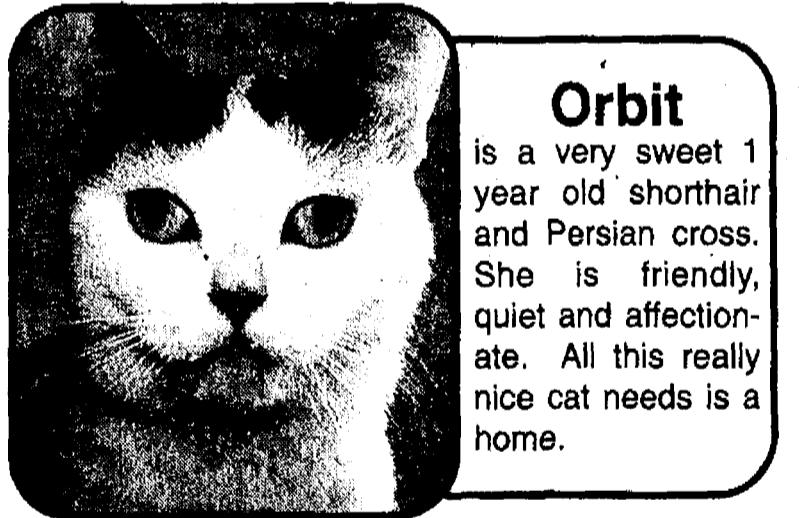
Vanilla cream cheese mixture: combine vanilla pudding and room temperature cream cheese. Mix until well blended. Refrigerate immediately and store up to five days. Pour batter for hotcakes on a 350° F. griddle. Dispense half of the pecans and banana slices onto each hotcake immediately. Grill until bubbles form and each hotcake is dry on the edges. Flip and grill until golden brown. Place first hotcake upside down on a plate. Place 4 tbsp. of vanilla cream cheese mixture on the upside down hotcake. Then place the second hotcake upside down on top of the cream cheese mixture. Top hotcakes with caramel sauce. Sprinkle with powdered sugar. Garnish with whipped topping.

DID YOU KNOW ??
Paul Cezanne
had a parrot who
he taught to say,
"Cezanne is a
great painter".

MAZE



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Orbit

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The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is located at:
508 1/2 Huron Street (M-72 East) in Grayling
Between the Road Commission and the Eagles Hall

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After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117

For more pets or more information, visit our website www.ascc.petfinder.com

Horoscopes

For the week of April 5, 2007



Let your instincts be your guide this week, Capricorn. You know what you want and you don't need anyone to tell you. A coworker returns a favor.



This is no time to be shy. You've worked long and hard on your idea and you deserve to shine. Step out of the shadows and get out there.



Uh-oh, Cancer. A dark secret is about to be revealed. Be prepared to face the consequences. A weekend road trip gives you the chance to spread your wings.



Brace yourself, Libra. Trouble looms. Whatever you do, don't get involved. Leave it to someone else to resolve. Travel plans hit a snag—move quickly.



The pettiness of others is starting to get to you. Step back for a moment and take some time to rejuvenate. Signs of promise begin to appear.



Don't cut corners this week, Taurus, or you could damage a business relationship, along with your reputation. A chat with a neighbor lifts a burden.



Humility, not pride, is the theme this week. Be humble in what you say and do and the world will be yours for the taking. Test results prove positive.



Don't jump to conclusions this week, Scorpio, or you could wind up losing a friendship. An encounter with nature looms large in your memory.



Get ready, Pisces. A financial situation is about to get sticky. Don't leave anything to chance. Get all of your paperwork together and proceed with caution.



Uh-uh, Gemini. Flattery will get you nowhere. Can the charm and focus on the project at hand. The deadline is growing closer by the minute. A meeting ends with a bang!



This is your one chance to get away from it all. Toss away your reservations and accept an invite. You'll meet a slew of people and make lots of memories.



Play it safe this week, Sagittarius. Now is not the time to take risks. If a financial proposal seems too good to be true, it probably is. A thank you note brings a smile to your face.

WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Last Week

Date	H	L	Precip. Inches
3/28	62	35	0
3/29	47	30	0
3/30	59	31	0
3/31	47	34	t
4/1	48	33	0.15
4/2	65	36	0.07
4/3	46	26	0

Snow Showers / Wind

Few Showers / Wind

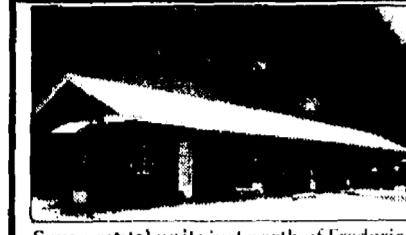
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Crawford County Avalanche

1. Real Estate



Seven rental units just north of Frederic. Building 1 has 5 units and is a block building 16 x 90. Units 1 thru 5 are efficiency units. Building 2 is a duplex which are 2 bedroom, 1 bath. \$139,900 #5780

Call

Pete Koceas



1. Real Estate

2-3 BEDROOM 2 bath, year round ranch in peaceful setting, on maintained road, near lakes and snowmobiling. 2482 Sandy Trail, south off M-72, 7.3 miles east of Grayling. Price reduced. (586) 446-0004, (586) 713-7500. (6/22/06tf/1)

REDUCED COMMERCIAL OR RESIDENTIAL M-72 West close to town, 2 lots, 103 feet, 2 bedroom mobile, new 4 inch well, footings and crawl space insulation, new paint and carpet and storage building. \$52,900 by owner. 989-348-7355 (12/7/06tf/1)

1. Real Estate

WHY RENT when you can own your home for less. Single wide 2001 modular home, 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, all major appliances included \$26,000. For more info call 989-275-8172. (LR5/12/07/1)

BEHIND ON YOUR HOUSE PAYMENT, threatened with foreclosure, don't know what to do? Don't lose everything. I can help. Don't wait while the payments pile up, call me today; selling your house now might save you substantial money. Charlotte Bloomquist, Century 21 River Country Real Estate Agent, 989-390-1393/989-348-5474. (-12sgf/1)

1. Real Estate

HOME FOR SALE Reduced: 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath, bonus sunroom, heated 3 car garage, extra large lot, quiet neighborhood. Two miles between Higgins Lake and Houghton Lake. 3622 Lansing Road. 989-281-0321, www.lech.ws \$93,000 firm. (LR5/3/07/1)

FOR SALE On Michigan Ave. well-maintained adorable 2 bedroom, 1 bath home with new roof and double insulation. This home features a screened-in porch, garage, and fenced in backyard. Watch the parades from your huge picture window. This home is within walking distance to downtown, hospital and library. \$79,900 OBO. Call 348-6400, ask for Gloria or Gayle. (-29-5/1)

NEW HOME river access, 104 Black Bear \$125,000, cabin \$75,000, 989-348-4840. (-22-29-5/12/1)

2. For Rent

1. Real Estate

BY OWNER 205 State Street. Three bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, upgraded kitchen, master bed and bath, and sun room, windows, vinyl siding, garage. \$89,900 call 231-263-0231 or cell 989-619-5561. (4/5/07tf/1)

2. For Rent

AUTO SALES REPRESENTATIVE

Scheer Motors in Grayling is looking for a new and used car sales representative. Apply in person at Scheer Motors. See Rick Longendyke General manager.

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WOW! LOOKING FOR A GOOD BUY? 3 bed, 1 bath, double city lot, open kitchen & dining area. Fresh paint, new vinyl siding. New floors in kitchen and dining. Washer, dryer & freezer included. Immediate occupancy. CS-2192 \$72,500



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CS-2490 \$112,000

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CH-2221 \$115,000

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Just Listed

Large home with many possibilities. Could be an excellent living home, fishing/snowmobiling lodge, or just a large family home with plenty of bedrooms for guests. Home could be a 6 bedroom. Great area for enjoying all that Northern Michigan has to offer. #249836 \$69,900

Move right in, this home is freshly painted, new drywall and floor coverings. Amenities include 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, vaulted ceilings, oak cabinets, appliances, central air conditioning, walk-in closets, and immediate occupancy. Home is priced to sell! #249734 \$82,900

Here is that fixer upper you have been looking for, the structure and foundation is there. It needs LOTS of TLC. Is presently rented, property could be an investment or home. Nothing guaranteed. #249782 \$50,000

Very affordable housing, three bedroom, one half bath. Home needs a little TLC. Is presently rented, property could be an investment or home. #249731 \$42,000

Large family home. Three or four bedrooms, three baths, large two car garage with workshop fenced in back yard. Fourth bedroom was used as a sewing room. #249783 \$129,900

VACANT LAND

Beautiful building site for the up north get-away. State land 1/2 mile away and good hunting. All this just 2.5 miles north of Frederic. Seller is licensed realtor. seller is licensed real estate agent. #11738 \$4,500

Wooded acreage in a nice mix of hardwoods, pines, rolling hills and meadows. Lots are in 10, 20, and 40 acre parcels. Prices from #14849 \$35,000

11 acres in Frederic Township, very secluded property. Hardwoods, hunting camp special. Lots of orchards in the area. #241380 \$29,900

Ideal building site on 8th hole. Overlook this beautiful fairway from the deck of your new custom built home. Enjoy year-round recreation on golf course or winter skiing. #244585 \$39,000

Nice building site with walking distance to Lake Margrethe. #246183 \$16,000

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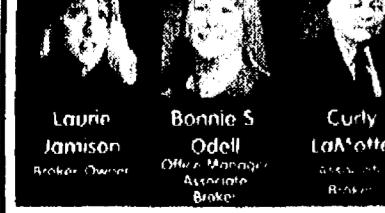
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1. Real Estate

Century 21

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REDUCED

300 feet on the main branch Ausable River. Custom 3 bedroom, 2,600 square foot home on 3 acres, open floor plan, 2.5 attached garage plus extra 2.5 heated garage. This home has everything you could want, call today \$324,000 #5823

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CS-2490 \$112,000

Three bedrooms, 2 baths, wood heat & forced air, new central air. Attached heated 26 x 32 garage w/12' roll-up door, mechanics lift & 2 drive thru 30 x 40 pole barns w/cement floors. 8.75 acres. Room for everything!! 137,500 #5830

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Well maintained home in the city of Grayling across the street from the Catholic Church. Close to everything. Ideal for the growing family, short commute to drop the kids off to school. Four bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths. \$75,900 #5768

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2007 NEW YEAR EXPANSION General help \$600 per week to start. Qualify for monthly production bonus. Local office outlet for large Michigan company has several immediate openings. Local company must add to its work force. All jobs/positions are entry level with advancement opportunity. No layoffs projected due to expansion. Call for a one on one interview. No 3 shift. No experience necessary. Call 989-732-7349 (Monday - Thursday 10 am - 5 pm) to set up an interview date and time. (-29-5-12/3)

GUTHRIE LAKES is looking for part-time summer help, inside and outside work, days, afternoons and weekends available mid May thru Labor Day. If interested, send resume and application to Guthrie Lakes, P.O. Box 40, Waters, MI 49797. Applications can be picked up at clubhouse, 10 am - 12 pm daily, 11393 Nottingham Dr., or online at efpoa.com. (-29-5/3)

LPN AND RN'S there are openings at Grayling Nursing and Rehabilitation. We are a skilled nursing facility that provides quality care to those we serve. If you wish to be a part of a team making a difference, call or stop in today. 331 Meadows Drive, Grayling, MI. Flexible scheduling. (-29-5/3)

NOW HIRING Progressive salon seeking hair stylists and nail technician who are talented, motivated and energetic. Please call to schedule your interview at 'Salon Rue', 989-348-8555. (-5-12/3)

HELP WANTED Part-time afternoon/night Nurse's Aid at the Brook Retirement Community, Roscommon. Competitive salary/benefits. Great work environment. Complete application M-F, 9 am - 3 pm, 195 State Street. Deadline April 14. (-5-12/3)

HIGGINS LAKE DAIRY QUEEN summer help wanted. Apply at Evergreen Party Store, Higgins Lake. 989-821-5425 (-29-5-12/3)

BUSY FAMILY PRACTICE CLINIC in Grayling is currently seeking an experienced Medical Office Assistant/Medical Records Clerk for a full time position. This person must be outgoing, have excellent communication skills and possess the ability to multitask. Medical terminology preferred. MEDIC/MISYS computer system a definite plus. Please send resume to Attention: Kim Sargent, Office Manager, 1010 N. Down River Road W., Grayling, MI 49738. (-5-12/3)

STORE DETECTIVES Part time, plain clothes store detectives needed for detection of shoplifters at local retail grocery chain. Must pass criminal background check and drug screen, be available to work evenings and weekends, dependable transportation and travel is necessary, typically within 50 miles. Starting pay is \$9.00/hour or higher depending on experience. Resumes may be sent to: DK Security, ATTN: Sindia Narber, 616-656-4200 fax, or via e-mail sindianarber@dksecurity.com or mail to 5160 Falconview Avenue, Kentwood MI 49512. (-4-12/3)

HIRING SEASONAL HELP April through October. Please apply in person at Gates AuSable Lodge 471 Stephan Bridge Road. Kitchen Openings. Weekends a must. (-5-12/3)

WE NEED TRAILER TECHNICIANS. Welding a must. Apply in person at USA Trailers in Grayling 6659 M-93. (-5/3)

4/5 Services Offered
SEWING, ZIPPERS, MENDING quilter. Ask for Lorrie (989)348-9349. (1/11/07tf/4)

RTH HOME IMPROVEMENT all your interior and exterior needs. Garages, additions, drywall, painting, roofing, siding, decks, and more. Licensed and insured, free estimates. Rob Harrington 989-344-1383. (-9/16/04tf/4)

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D. HAWES/DRIVERS' TRAINING Northern Driving School, currently providing driving instruction in Crawford County, is now taking reservations for upcoming classes. Grayling - September, November, January, March, May, and summer 2007. Segment I, \$240. Segment II, \$35. (989) 344-2470. (8/10/06tf/4)

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8 Announcements

CROSSWORD Answers

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Electronic filing, same day service, reasonable rates, over 20 years experience, senior discounts. Call Marge for appointment. 989-821-5542. Always confidential. (LR4/5/06tf/4)

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JERRY'S SPRING CLEAN UP Tools, rack, truck, leaf raking, chain saw, hauling debris. Two man crew, hourly charged. 989-348-7046 (-5-12/4)

PROFESSIONAL HEMMING jeans, dresses, slacks, etc. Custom bedding, weddings. 989-344-2444. (4/5/07tf/4)

I CHARGE BY THE JOB not by the hour. Yard work, raking, mowing, cutting wood, stacking wood, painting, washing windows, washing and waxing and detailing cars, trucks and vans. 989-348-5081. (LR 5/24/07tf/4)

SPRING CLEAN UP Yard work, tree, brush, and rubbish removal. Call Scott for free estimate. 989-348-5817, 989-390-1526. (-29-5-12-19/4)

ROOFING, ROOFING, ROOFING all shingle, new construction, tear-offs, residential, commercial, emergency work welcome. 20 years experience. 989-348-5817, 989-390-1526. (-29-5-12-19/4)

CRAWFORD COUNTY PETS Critter Sitters want to care for you in your home even if you're a goldfish. While your family is away or even daily needs, including lots of affection, playtime, walks, etc. Even without pets, we'll house sit. I'll help you straighten out your storage areas and take unwanted small stuff to St. Francis or help you with a yard sale. By the job not by the hour. Excellent character references and reasonable rates. Ask for Richard or Teresa 989-348-4970 (-5/4)

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Fairview Areas Schools is requesting bids to provide a one year contract to provide custodial services to the Fairview Area Schools' site. Fairview Area Schools is also requesting bids for a small remodel project involving floor tile, constructing a vestibule, etc. If interested in providing a quotation on either project, please contact Mr. Bruce Nelson at Fairview Area Schools - 1879 E. Miller Rd. - Fairview, MI 48621 or (989) 848-7002 to receive information on and requirements for bidding process.

FOR SALE

Jacuzzi hot tub, new cover, new filters \$1,700. Call 989-710-0157. (-5-12/5)

J. DAP just received a new shipment of toys. Perfect to fill all of your Easter baskets. Stop by J. Dap soon to see all of our new spring arrivals. J. Dap is located at 118 Michigan Avenue in Grayling. (-5/5)

THE GRAYLING PROM is May 12. Stop by J. Dap Tuxedo Rental to reserve the tux you want. Hurry in before the style you want is gone. J. Dap Tuxedo Rental is located at 118 Michigan Avenue, in Grayling. Call 989-348-4011 with any question. (-5-12-19/5)

BOWFLEX XTL with lat pull down and leg extension attachment. Excellent condition. \$800. 344-9038. (-5/5)

OLD TOWN KAYAKS one Loon 111 \$400 with paddle. One Adventure XL \$500. One Loon 116 \$600. 2 person. 989-615-1780

GRAYLING FAMILY PRACTICE CLINIC, P.C. is currently accepting patients of all ages. Call now for an appointment 989-348-7671, located 1010 N. Down River Road, Grayling. (-5-12-19/8)

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6 Wanted

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9 Personals

HOBBY FARM, prefer set up for horses. Healthcare Professional with good income and references seeking Up North relocation. Land contract/rent to own, short term. Guarantee TLC. Please leave message 419-485-8624. (-5/6)

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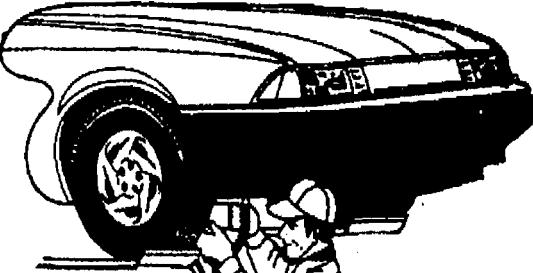
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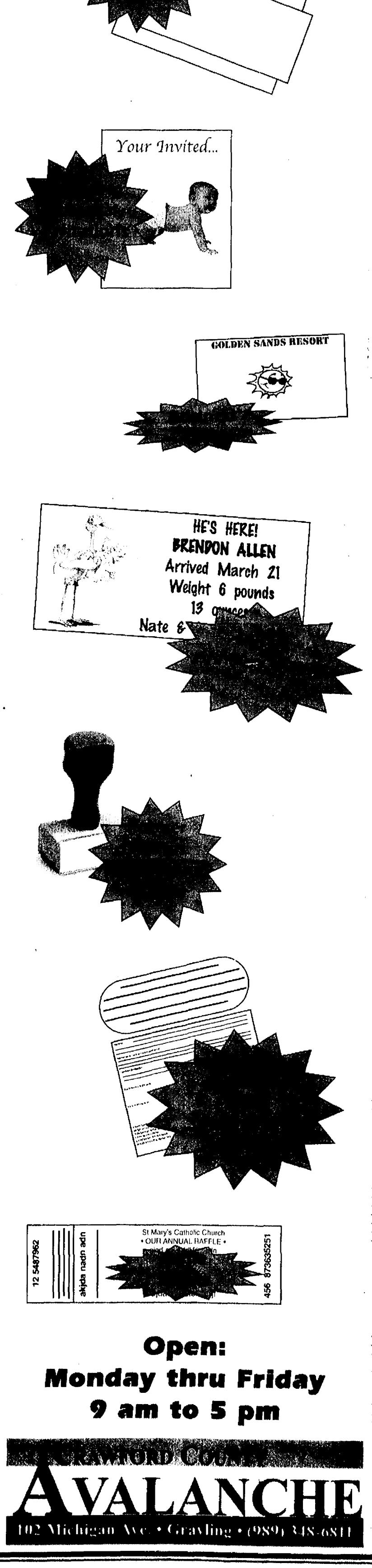
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